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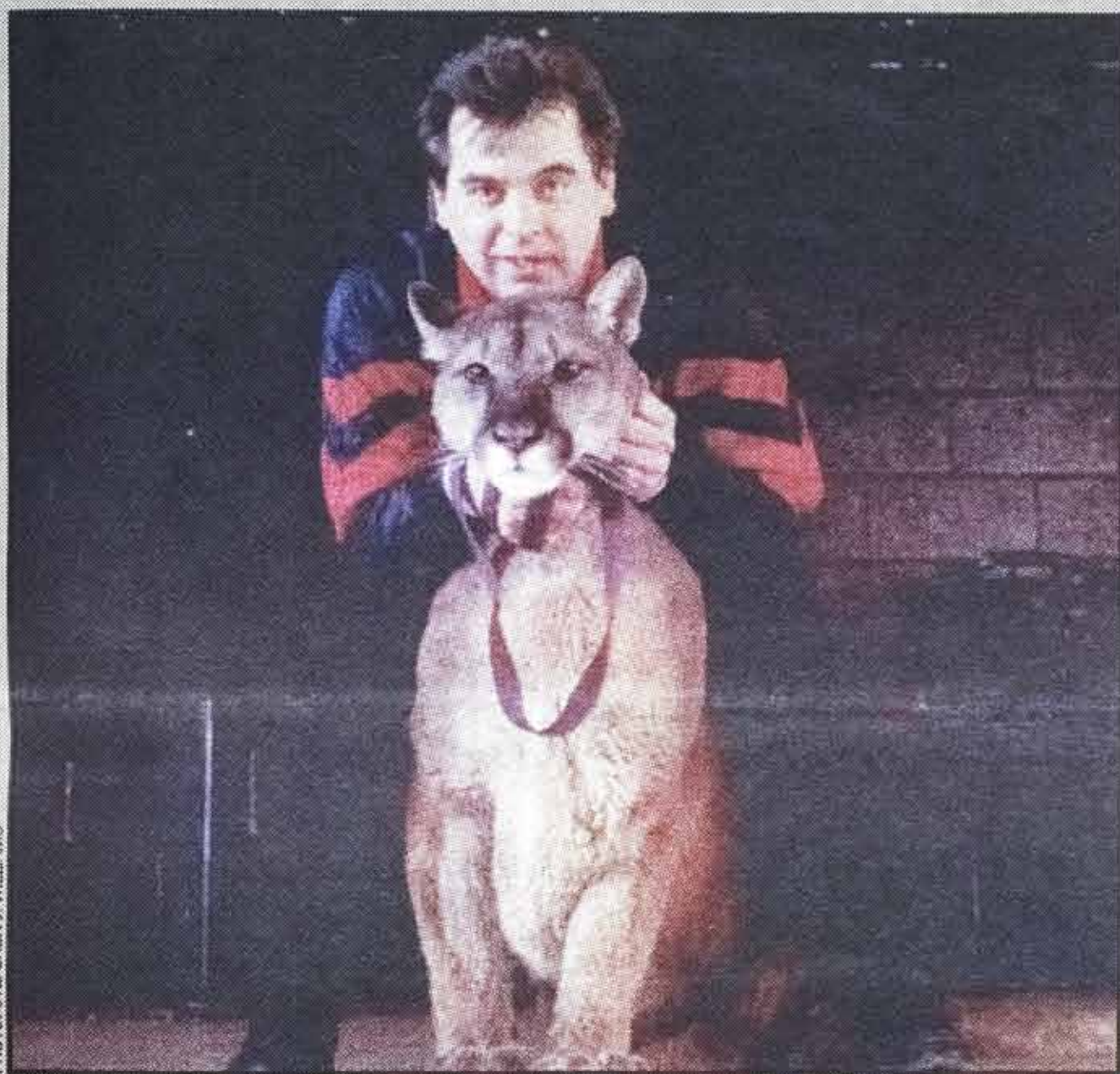
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## BSA answers the cat call



Illusionist Claude Haggerty and his cougar Simba made an appearance at the Turret on Wednesday. The Board of Student Activities will be bringing his illusion show to Laurier March 7th.

## Election results in jeopardy

KATHERINE HARDING  
CORD NEWS

While Laurier students may have cast their ballots February 10th, one of the most controversial student elections in recent memory is technically still not over.

On February 11th, second year student Greg Sandstrom threw the election results into question when he, in accordance with election policy, filed an appeal to the Election Council.

In his appeal, Sandstrom argued that, "democracy was not served in the 1998 WLUSU election. The spirit of the elections policies was not served when Michael Keriakos and Renée Pelletier were taken off the ballot."

His appeal also called that the election be declared null and void, and that a new election be called immediately.

As a member of the Students' Union, Sandstrom has a legal right to appeal any decision in an election.

Despite initial confusion on what

governing body would actually hear the appeal, Sandstrom finally appeared before the Election Council [EC] on February 25th to make his case.

During the hour and fifteen minute meeting, Sandstrom detailed to the board his specific grievances with the recent election.

He introduced his presentation with the statement that the, "spirit of the election policy was not served when Mike Keriakos and Renée Pelletier were taken off the ballot."

Included in his 45 minute argument was the fact that he felt that Election Council member Meaghan Brown's romantic relationship with Presidential candidate Gareth Cunningham was a conflict of interest.

Meaghan Brown responded that her relationship with Cunningham in no way compromised her ability to remain unbiased in making decisions.

Brown stated, "I am confident that I have remained unbiased throughout the entire process... this

is not an issue."

Sandstrom presented a petition with 300 students signatures and a copy of a Letter to the Editor written by Dr. Irwin-Zarecka, Director of Communications Studies which both questioned the integrity of the election.

Sandstrom remarked, "this proves the credibility has been challenged... the question is how do we restore the order and integrity that was lost in this election?"

EC member Tom Hrubres cited that Dr. Irwin-Zarecka's personal relationship with VP: University Affairs candidate Renée Pelletier made Irwin-Zarecka's comments regarding the election biased.

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## Education centrepiece of Federal Budget '98

MOHAMED BHAMANI  
CORD NEWS

Making post-secondary education accessible to more students was the major theme behind Tuesday's federal budget presented by Finance Minister Paul Martin.

"I believe the budget reflects an investment into the future of this country," said Laurier President Dr. Bob Rosehart. "It is an educator's dream."

Labelled the "Education Budget" by the media, Paul Martin presented the first balanced federal budget to Canadians in over 25 years. It offered a number of student debt-reduction plans that dictate an injection of over \$2.5 billion over the next ten years into post-secondary education.

In the year 2000, the government will implement its Canada Millennium Scholarship program. This program will provide 100,000 full and part-time students, over a period of ten years, an average scholarship of \$3000 a year. The Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation will be created to administer the program.

"The Millennium Scholarship endowment of \$2.5 billion was much bigger than I thought it would be," said Rosehart. "I imagine they will be granted based on a combination of both academic ability and financial need."

Other educational highlights of

the budget include a 17% federal tax credit on payments of the interest portion of student loans and an extensive income-contingent repayment and principal reduction plan.

For parents who have begun to save for their child's education, a 20% annual grant to top up contributions to a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) will be implemented.

It is an educator's dream.

Dr. Bob Rosehart,  
WLU President

In the area of Youth Employment, the government announced a Youth Employment Strategy in which over 120,000 career summer placements and over 50,000 internships are

being created over two years. As well, to encourage the hiring of young Canadians, the budget intends to give employers an employment insurance premium holiday for additional youth hired in the next two years.

Praise for the budget within the Laurier community was high. "It is great to see that education was such a prominent figure in this years budget," said Meaghan Brown, Students' Union Vice-President: University Affairs.

"However, it is too bad that the Millennium Scholarship program won't start any sooner." While Union President Stewart Wong was pleased with the outcome, it was not entirely without its detractors.

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## NewsBites

## MBA students take top prize

Four MBA students from the Laurier School of Business and Economics beat 32 other teams from across the country to capture top honours in York University's first Nestlé Canada MBA Case Competition.

Scott Phillips, David Rose, Marlene Schmidt, and Scott Slocombe accepted \$1500 last week for their efforts. They had 36 hours to analyze a plan to redevelop a hydroelectric plant in Northern Ontario.

## Writing awards

University of Waterloo students Patty Simpson, Lisa Smith, and Lynda Weston were winners of this year's Tom York Writing Award. The annual short story contest is open to all UW and WLU students and is administered by St. Paul's United College.

## Recycling to be out earlier

After March 1st, students should have their recycling boxes out by 8:00 a.m.

The change in collection time is due to a change in recycling collection providers in the City of Waterloo. Services will now be provided by Canadian Waste Services Inc. For more information call the region's Waste Reduction Office at 883-5100.

## Windsor joins OUSA

Students at the University of Windsor voted in a referendum held February 17th and 18th to become full members of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance.

Windsor students, who have been associate members of OUSA for two years, voted to pay \$1.95 each to become members of the organization.

## STEP helps students

The Student Equivalency Program (STEP), which provides on-line information about university course offerings and equivalencies, was announced February 19th.

The program will save students time and money because they will be able to see the course equivalencies before they transfer to another school.

The service will help the over 60,000 students applying to Ontario universities and 17,000 students transferring among universities each year. The STEP website is <http://step.ouac.on.ca>.

# Town hall confronts the issues

## Second meeting on Laurier's future

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CORD NEWS

On Thursday, February 12th, University President Dr. Bob Rosehart conducted the second of two town hall meetings. The purpose of the meeting was to generate open discussion concerning the *Issues Paper* recently released by the university.

The goal of the University Planning Project is to produce a document that can be used as a guide for the evolution of Laurier over the next five years.

At the beginning of the second town hall meeting, Rosehart stressed the need for people's opinions on the paper to be heard by the committee - a request that the persons in attendance were eager to accommodate. The turn-out at the second of these meetings was modest, but there was an impressive number of students in attendance.

Students' Union President Stewart Wong opened the comments by reading from a memorandum which he had sent to the committee members earlier.

He criticized a number of particular parts of the document including the mission statement, which he said was, "too wordy to be practical."

Wong also brought up the issue of student representation on the Board of Governors, as well as stressing the need academically, "to focus on our sense of community as a niche rather than further elevat-

ing any one program over the other."

A number of issues were discussed at the meeting including a possible enrollment cap, the need for more residence space, the possibility of expanding the campus geographically, tuition increases, corporate sponsorship on campus, out of province and international recruit-

**"We don't address that problem as articulately as we should as a university."**  
Dr. Doug Lorimer on Laurier's institutional culture

ment, and the plan that was put in place by the previous administration.

In response to a question from Scott Harris, Vice-President: University Affairs-Elect regarding the previous administration's plan for the future, Rosehart criticized it as too "conceptual" with not enough "emphasis on how to pay."

A large part of the night was dedicated to a discussion about Laurier's institutional culture.

The issue was introduced by Dr. Doug Lorimer of the History Department, who claimed that, "we don't address that problem as articulately as we should as a university."

The discussion addressed issues like the

division and occasional tension between the School of Business and Economics and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, as well as the question of whether Laurier already has a distinct institutional culture.

Echoing a number of comments from other students who were present, Peter Near said that we, "as students don't see much of a problem with institutional culture. We can say what it's like to be a student at Laurier."

On the issue of corporate sponsorship, Rosehart emphasized the use of the term "public institution" in the mission statement. He emphasized this stance by stating



President Rosehart initiated discussion on future.

that he is "a fan of soliciting donations from the private [sector] but with no strings attached."

Afterwards in a conversation about the meeting, Gareth Cunningham, WLUSU President-Elect, noted that "the good thing was that there was very candid discussion on just about any issue." However, he also said, "it started getting a little too specific at times."

Wednesday, February 25th was the official end of the input and discussion phase concerning the *Issues Paper*.

The second phase of the Planning Project, the *Green Paper*, will be discussed on April 1st.

# Ancillary fees on the rise

JENNIFER GENEST  
CORD NEWS

Serious concerns arose at a recent Students' Union (WLUSU) board meeting following the announcement that Ancillary Services is planning on raising its fees for the upcoming school year.

The possible fee increase will be the result of alterations to the meal plan. Should these changes occur, the Bookstore, Purple & Gold, and Housing and Residences will also be affected.

Last March, WLUSU and Ancillary Services issued a student questionnaire in order to evaluate the current services offered and to assess what new services could be considered in the future.

The results of the survey indicated an interest in adding Waterloo Taxi and Purple & Gold to the alternative meal card dollars. These new additions would lead to slightly reduced prime dollars and increased alternative dollars.

Director of Ancillary Services, Cliff Bilyea, sees the changes as a benefit to the students in light of the new expanded services.

He believes that the amount of rollover, that is, the amount of meal card money the students carry over to the next year, will decrease. However, WLUSU President Stewart Wong strongly disagrees.

"This is not something we are going to tolerate," said Wong when asked about the new ideas. "[Ancillary Services] want to decrease the amount of rollover, but this seems like a contradiction."

Wong believes that by increasing meal plan fees, this will also mean an increase in the amount of rollover. "The meal plan should come out even."

The cost of the meal plan is expected to rise another 2% next year, making 6% increase over the past two years. Rising expenditures for food and labour have led to greater fees, as have special overhead costs. For instance, the Dining Hall is currently awaiting the arrival of new dishwashers which will cost approximately \$54,000.

When asked whether there were any disadvantages to the new plan, Bilyea responded by admitting the presence of higher figures. "It will definitely be more challenging for the students, but we are trying to add more value to our services."

Wong replied, "with increasing tuition and book fees, students can no longer afford it. There shouldn't be any profit on books and food. Zero increases is best!"

Ancillary Services is expected to contribute \$400,000 to the operating budget of the university for the next three years.

This is down from the \$500,000 originally announced.

"If Ancillary Services is already making extra profit, then I don't see a need for fees to increase," said Nolan Milec, a second-year Business student.

WLUSU President-elect, Gareth Cunningham, also expressed his concerns on the subject. He questioned the current accessibility of university and wondered where profits were being used.

"I don't agree with the increases, but if fees do go up, then we the students must see instant benefits," said Laura Swanson, a first-year Honours History major.

Wong continues to strongly encourage students to voice their opinions and feelings to Ancillary Services.

The Advisory Committee will be meeting on Thursday, February 26th in the Dean's Board Room (5-110) for further debate.

## Not everyone pleased with "education" budget

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He expressed concern that with so much invested into education, there may be a cut in transfer payments to the provinces which would put the situation back to square one.

Rosehart was most pleased with the debt-reduction plan and saw it as a challenge for the Ontario government to come out with a similar plan.

The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance's (OUSA) Interim Executive Director Rick Martin did express concern over the debt reduction plan. "If people have to defer payments because of low

incomes, it will mean that more interest accumulates."

"OUSA is in support of debt-reduction," stated Brown, Laurier's OUSA representative, "they just believe it could take a more effective form."

The only major criticism came from the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). Brad Lavigne expressed a concern about the Millennium Scholarship program.

"The funding cuts in Martin's last four budgets have seriously damaged post-secondary education in Canada and the measures announced in this budget are not the best way to rebuild it."



# Student appeals that elections be declared null and void

Continued from the cover

Sandstrom also argued to the council that Keriakos and Pelletier were unfairly treated in the policing of election campaigning policy. Sandstrom stated the council was, "too focused on the Renée and Mike problem... Scott Harris, Jason Quehl, and Mark Duke had violations and they weren't fined."

EC member Kate Johnstone responded by stating, "all the candidates go into this experience knowing what the by-laws and rules are, and Renée and Mike broke too many of them."

Jill Osborne, Chief Returning

Officer [CRO] also stated earlier in the meeting that she felt that every candidate was treated fairly by the EC during the election campaign.

Sandstrom's argument was also concerned with the fact that because of the confidential nature of some of the Election Council's deliberations, "students didn't have access to all the information like the Election Council did."

EC member Kate Johnstone stated that the confidential meetings were, "held mainly for the protection of the candidates... it doesn't serve the students to know exactly what each and every candidates did wrong."

Osborne also commented the

policy to keep the nature of campaigning violations and some EC deliberations confidential was a decision she adopted when she took on the role of CRO.

Throughout Sandstrom's entire presentation, EC member David Trueman expressed his concern regarding the validity of his appeal. At one point Trueman stated, "it is such a vague concept that you're appealing... I need some clarification."

The meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m. and then the council met for *in camera* deliberation on the appeal. At 9:20 p.m. they released the statement: "It is not in the Election Council's jurisdiction to declare the

elections null and void on the basis that you (Sandstrom) have provided." The EC concluded by stating Sandstrom can now appeal his case to the Dean's Advisory Council [DAC] within 24 hours.

After the decision was rendered, CRO Jill Osborne commented, "we've concluded that because of the policies we have and because he wasn't appealing a particular decision we made we didn't have the jurisdiction to make a decision." Osborne added, "we couldn't make a decision on the moral and ethical argument he presented."

After contemplating the EC's statement, Sandstrom decided to take his case to the DAC whose deci-

sion will be final and binding.

The Cord has also learned that the EC has breached and is in violation of one of their own policies.

CRO Jill Osborne confirmed last night that the election ballots have been destroyed, an action which is in direct violation with election policy.

Policy details that if an appeal is launched, ballots can not be destroyed until 24 hours and no later than 48 hours following the EC's decision unless a further appeal to the DAC has been initiated. In that circumstance, policy then states that the ballots shall be destroyed no later than 24 hours after their decision is reached

## BoardReports

### WLUSU: may pledge \$217,000 to upgrades

KATHERINE HARDING

CORD NEWS

On February 12th, board members met for a short but jam packed meeting.

Stewart Wong's Presidential Report detailed the preliminary plans for WLUSU's Campaign Laurier pledge. This year's Union discussed donating \$217,000 for the upgrading of four computer labs. Wong said the donation will "allow students to see immediate upgrades."

The motion to officially allocate the funds for the upgrading of computer labs will be tabled at this week's board meeting.

Jeff Anderson, Vice Chair, reported on the progress of

WLUSU's Strategic Planning. Anderson said the process is, "right in the middle of moderating... and things are starting to come together."

Board member Tom Barber questioned Anderson about the possibility of the moderation sessions not being completed before the end of the term of the present board.

Anderson responded by explaining the project could be, "passed onto the future executive to finish."

Anderson added that, "there is a strong possibility there will be a document ready at the end of the term."

Will Chung, Constitutional and

Operational Development [COD] Chair, tabled a motion to the board that they adopt Robert's Rules, 9th Edition, as the board's official guide to conducting meetings.

Chung brought forth the motion because historically the board has never adhered to any specific edition.

"This will ensure clarity so we will know specifically what procedures to follow," said Chung.

The motion was easily passed by the board with strict observance of all appropriate protocol.

*Note: Of the newly elected 14 BOD members, only Wes Ferris was present at the February 12th Board of Director's meeting.*

### WLUSP: yearbooks now \$36

JAMES MUIR

CORD NEWS

The Student Publications board met for a short twenty minute meeting prior to Reading Week. All departments reported uneventful weeks.

Steve Metzger and Dave Trueman updated the board on recruitment efforts.

The lack of WLUSP candidates during the recent election forced the board to open hiring for vacant director positions. It was also tentatively decided that the entire board will take part in the interview process.

Advertising liaison Christine Gergich alighted on the advertisement for The Grand, a local burlesque establishment.

The business's weekly advertisement had recently come under fire from the Laurier Women's Centre for being sexist.

Upon receiving the complaint, the board acted by asking The Grand to change the ad's content.

The Grand complied with the request and last week's paper contained the altered ad.

During Steve Metzger's Keystone report, he was asked about the raise in price of the yearbook.

The one dollar increase is to compensate for expenses lost because of an oversight - too many \$30 yearbooks were sold, Metzger said.

The new price for a copy of the always impressive Keystone is now \$36.

## The reasons for Laurier's pre-registration delay

JAMES MUIR

CORD NEWS

Citing the current lack of a budget, the University has delayed pre-registration for two weeks.

Laurier's operating budget, unlike previous years, has not been finalized and some Deans expressed concern over course offerings in respect to available financial resources.

"Without a budget I felt that proceeding with pre-registration was virtually impossible," said Dr. Arthur Read, Dean of Arts and Sciences.

This year the budget has gone through a lengthy pre-consultation process that has delayed its final approval.

Without a firm budget, Deans do not know how many sections to offer for particular courses.

"It is a good idea to delay pre-registration otherwise we might have to redo it," said Dr. Rowland Smith, Vice-President: Academic, on the absence of hard figures to guide Deans in the construction of timetables.

While some departments are going ahead with pre-registration activities, others are awaiting finalized figures to determine the allocation of available funding for course

offerings.

Those departments conducting pre-registration activities that fail to get adequate support from the budget might have to cancel courses.

"If we need to cancel courses we'll be looking at low-enrollment courses," said Read.

This is the first time in Laurier's history that pre-registration has been delayed and some faculty have expressed concern over the delay.

While no faculty would go on record, there has been speculation that some programs may suffer from budgetary cutbacks.

"It was simply a common sense approach to handle the fact that we're taking longer to establish budget parameters this year

because we are consulting much more widely than we did in the past," said Smith.

The pre-consultation process was initiated by University President, Bob Roschart.

The process was a response to the lack of community involvement in the finances of the university.

The pre-consultation panel considered proposals from various groups and individuals within the Laurier community.

**"It is a good idea to delay pre-registration otherwise we might have to redo it."**  
Dr. Rowland Smith,  
VP: Academic

## SENATE AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED



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Both the Board of Governors and the Senate require student members.

The Board of Governors has two student positions which can be filled by either graduate or undergraduate full time students. At present, there is one graduate and one undergraduate student on the Board. One of these terms ends this year and will be up for election. The Senate has one graduate and seven undergraduate student members. Four of the undergraduate positions and the graduate position will be open this year. The Student Electoral Committee, consisting of three undergraduate and two graduate student representatives, runs the elections for both Board of Governors and Senate student representatives.

Nomination packages will be available from the Office of the University Secretariat (P2092) starting March 2. Nominations close Monday, March 9, at 4:00 pm.

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Applications for Editor-in-Chief close on Friday, March 13, 1998 at 4:30 pm. Interviews will take place on Friday, March 13, 1998 commencing at 6:00 pm in the Student Publications offices. All Editor-in-Chief candidates must submit a written platform before the application deadline, sample platforms are available for viewing during regular business hours in the Student Publications offices. The composition of the Editor-in-Chief hiring Committee will be determined by the Cord Staff, as a voting body, during the General meeting on Friday, March 6, 1998 at 2:30 pm.

## Production Manager

The Production Manager is responsible for The Cord's look on a weekly basis. Supervising a team of production assistants, which are recruited and selected by the him/her, the Production Manager will work closely with the Cord EIC to ensure that The Cord maintains its reputation for quality design and layout. Familiarity with QuarkXPress 3.32 and Adobe Photoshop 4.0 are definite assets. The Production Manager will receive an honoraria of \$5,000.

Applications for Production Manager close on Friday, March 13, 1998 at 4:30 pm. Interviews will take place on Sunday, March 15, 1998.

## Cord Editorial Board and Staff volunteer opportunities

### CORD EDITORIAL BOARD POSITIONS

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Applications for all above noted positions close on Friday, March 13, 1998 at 4:30 pm. Interviews will take place the week of March 15 to 21, 1998.

# the Keystone

## Keystone Editor

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The job descriptions for all above noted positions are available for viewing, and application forms are available for pick-up, during regular office hours in the Student Publications offices on the third floor of the Nichols Campus Centre.



# First year applications down

## CORD NEWS BRIEF

Despite a slight increase in the total number of applications to provincial universities, Laurier has experienced a slight decline in the number of students seeking a place at Laurier.

The Ontario Universities Application Centre recently released the application numbers last week. Total applications across Ontario stand at 54,118, up from 53,790 last year.

However, Laurier's total application numbers are down by 6% and the total number application that

ranked Laurier as a first choice is down 11.9%.

These statistics place Laurier almost at the bottom of the pile amongst Ontario universities. Last year, the school experienced a 13.3% increase in student applications which made Laurier the best in the system.

Arthur Stephen, Vice-President Advancement, expressed genuine concern over the current application situation, attributing Laurier's standing to "the most unique recruitment season in twenty years."

## ONTARIO APPLICATIONS 1998

WESTERN.....	12.9%
WATERLOO.....	12.8%
QUEEN'S.....	9.5%
OTTAWA.....	7.5%
CARLETON.....	7.4%
TORONTO.....	5.7%
RYERSON.....	4.4%
GUELPH.....	2.0%
BROCK.....	-0.2%
MCMASTER.....	-0.7%
LAURENTIAN.....	-3.7%
LAURIER.....	-6.0%
YORK.....	-7.5%
WINDSOR.....	-13.6%
TRENT.....	-20.4%

## BagO'Crime

# The case of the missing pizza and other senseless activity

## Assault & Indecent Act 2310 hrs., Thurs. Feb. 12

Some UW students reported that a male WLU student approached them in the foyer of Little House, grabbed one by the shoulder and the other by the wrist. The perpetrator then made masturbatory actions. The matter will be forwarded to the DAC. Alcohol and drugs were a factor in the incident.

## Attempt Break & Enter 0040 hrs., Fri. Feb. 13

Members of Foot Patrol frightened off two males who appeared to be attempting to break into the WLUSU Clothing Store. Nothing was stolen. Investigation continues.

## Theft Under \$5000 0120 hrs., Fri. Feb. 13

A pizza delivery person reported that a pizza was stolen from his

vehicle while it was parked in front of Willison Hall.

## Unauthorized Soliciting 1145 hrs., Fri. Feb. 13

A male individual was escorted from 202 Regina and issued a verbal warning when he was found to be approaching people and asking them for money. The individual was handing out cards indicating that he was a member of a deaf/mute organization.

## Mischief 0053 hrs., Sat. Feb. 14

Person(s) unknown damaged a smoke detector in Willison Hall A Wing.

## Trespass 1400 hrs., Sat. Feb. 14

A non-WLU male was charged with trespassing when he was found to

be using a photocopied Athletic Complex membership card.

## Break & Enter 1200 - 1300 hrs., Mon. Feb. 16

A staff member reported finding a male person in his office in the Science Building when he returned from lunch. The suspect fled the scene upon the staff member's arrival. Investigation revealed that a "discman" had been stolen. Three other electronics items had been packaged by the suspect which he intended to steal, but were left behind. Investigation continues.

## Non-Reportable MVA 0800 hrs., Tues. Feb. 17

A minor motor vehicle collision occurred in lot #20 at 202 Regina. Damage was minimal.

## Cord News.

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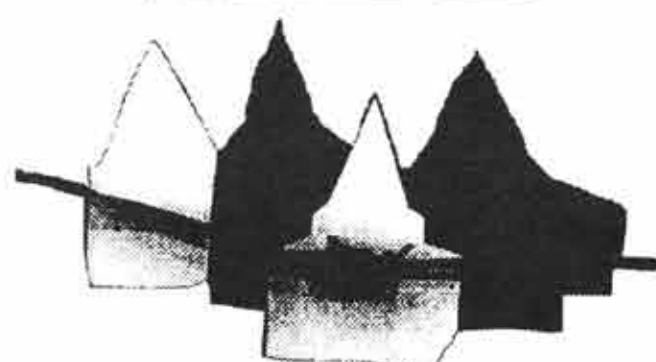
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# SBE students, faculty honoured

## WENDY MILLIKEN

### CORD NEWS

On Thursday, February 12th, the efforts of 60 outstanding students were recognized as the School of Business and Economics (SBE) held their annual awards ceremony. Approximately 150 people were in attendance to honour hard work and commitment to studies.

One of the most prestigious student awards presented was the 1998 SBE President's Scholarship.

The award is available to third and fourth year students who succeed academically while being involved in the community.

Hilary Durant, a third year Honours BBA student in the Co-op program, was this year's recipient.

Some of the activities keeping Durant busy at Laurier include Foot Patrol, the Emergency Response Team, the Dean's Advisory Council, and the Student Alumni Association. She is also a member of the Dean's honour roll. The

Scholarship is decided by the Dean from among the students who apply.

A number of awards take more than just grades into consideration. Decisions are made by the SBE Awards Committee which consists of the Director of Student Awards, Pauline Delion, two Business faculty members, Brad Davis and Yuxing Yan, and one Economics faculty member, Jerzy Konieczny.

The 1998 SBE Outstanding Teacher Award went to Dr. James Higginson who teaches Operation and Decision Sciences [ODS].

Higginson joined SBE in 1994 as an assistant professor and has taught a variety of business courses in the ODS area. This award is based on a vote taken among the students in MBA, MA in Business and Economics, third and fourth year Honours BBA and Economics, Diploma in Business Administration, and Diploma in Accounting programs.

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# Rape a greater risk due to new drug

## Odourless, tasteless rohypnol poses real threat

FARRAH ESMAIL

CORD NEWS

Rapists have a new weapon. Rohypnol, or what streets users call "Roofies," are described as the horror drug of the '90s.

This illegal drug, often called the "date-rape" pill, is believed to be linked to a number of sexual assaults reported around Ontario. WLU officials are now cautioning students to be aware.

"Rohypnol is being used to aid in sexual assaults by slipping the drug into the drinks of unsuspecting victims," announced Peter Jorg, of the WLU Security Department, at a conference Tuesday, February 10th.

"The drug enhances the effects of alcohol causing a person to lose

consciousness for up to ten hours, in which the sexual assault takes place."

Despite the fact that rohypnol is illegal in Canada and the United States, it is being smuggled in from Mexico and sold illegally on the streets.

The drug has become a fad among teenagers because of its tranquilizing effects and its low cost of \$1 - 5 per pill.

Manufactured by the Swiss pharmaceutical giant Hoffman-La Roche, rohypnol was introduced in the 1970s in Europe and South America.

It was initially prescribed as a means to sedate patients before surgery and to treat severe insom-

nia.

In the '80s hard-core drug users started using rohypnol to come down from cocaine highs.

Even thrill seeking celebrities have had their fair share of run-ins with the drug.

Late grunge rocker Kurt Cobain fell into a coma after mixing rohypnol with champagne.

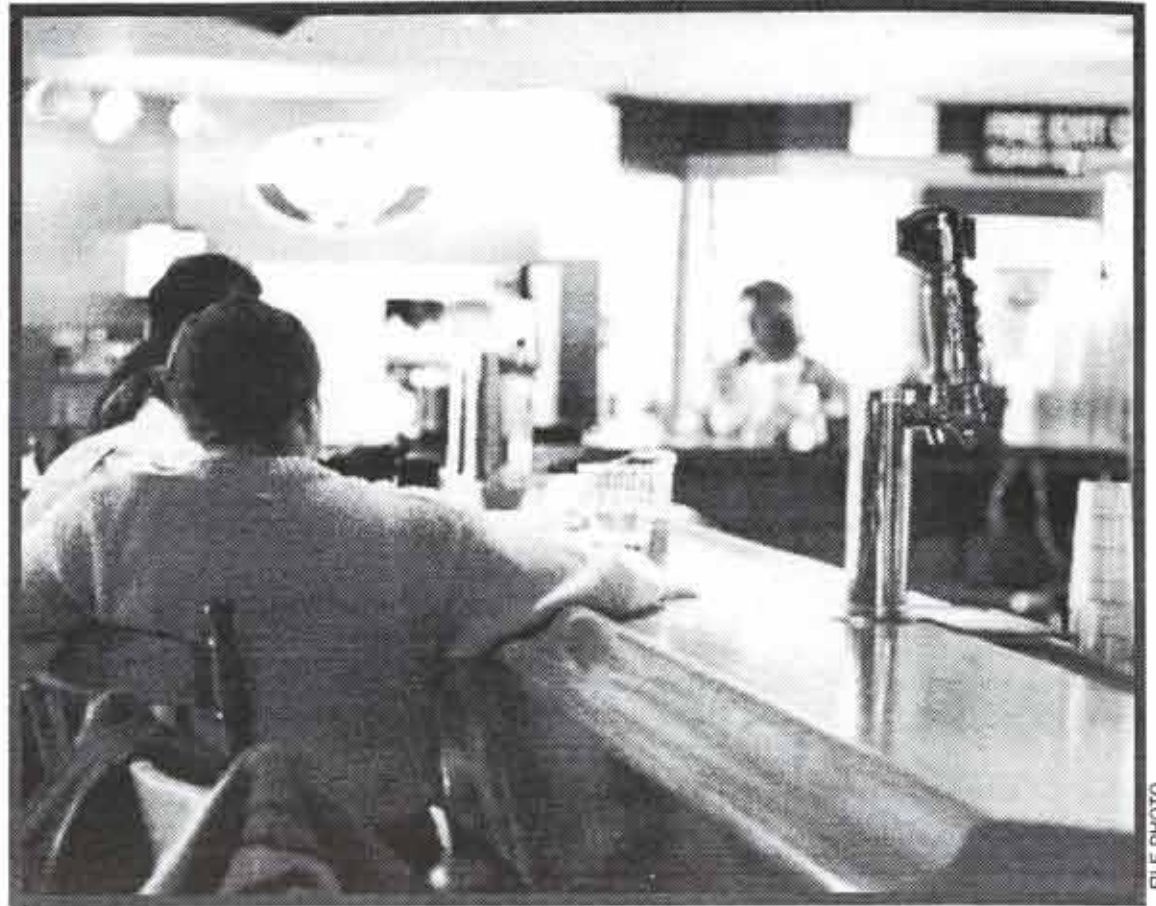
Rohypnol then met its most dangerous companion in the '90s - the sexual perpetrator.

"Cases where rohypnol is slipped into a woman's drink are hard to prosecute," said Jorg.

"Since the drug causes complete short-term amnesia women can't usually remember any details of the rape."

"You see girls being drugged and raped in the movies, but I never thought I had anything to worry about," said Natasha Chagga, a third-year Business student.

"I didn't even realize a drug like rohypnol even existed and was so easily accessible."



FILE PHOTO

Despite the familiar territory of Wilf's and the Turret, students should be aware of the risks rohypnol poses. No matter how desperate you are to take a wee, be sure to take your drink with you or have a trusted friend watch it.

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Rohypnol bears a striking resemblance to aspirin.

It is colourless, odourless and tasteless when dissolved in juice, coffee, and alcoholic beverages.

WLU Security Services is warning students to be aware of white tablets with a single or cross-score on one side with "ROACH" and "1" or "2" encircled on the other.

They also stress that whenever at bars people should never leave drinks unattended and should always be cautious of suspicious behaviour.

"I never pay attention to who handles my drinks," said Monica Singh, a second-year International Development student.

"I see girls leaving their drinks unattended all the time. Now I know the serious repercussions that could cause."

Although there have been no reported cases on Laurier's campus, officials believe rohypnol will soon be coming to a bar, club, or party near you.

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### Cord Editorial

## Technicalities cloud the real issues Election must be overturned in defense of ideals

It appears to be certain that students' will face another election this year. The only unfortunate element in this outcome is that the real reason why this election should be overturned may not be the reason why it is eventually overturned.

The real issue is that the activities and the decisions of this year's Election Council [EC] grossly violated the spirit of democracy. When seven students went behind closed doors to decide that two candidates should be removed from the ballot, the entire legitimacy of this election was swept away.

The most disturbing element of the EC's decision is the fact that it was based on deliberation that took place *in camera*. This means no members of the public were present, no records of the meeting were kept, and the content of the meeting cannot be disclosed to anyone who was not a part of the meeting. In short, there was no public accountability. Democracy must be built upon public accountability if democracy is to mean anything at all.

The other great failure of the EC was the decision to obey the letter of the law and not the spirit of the law. If the EC had taken the time to consider the spirit of the law, if they had any sense of democracy, they would have fined the candidates and made their transgressions public and left it to the voting population to decide for themselves with the weight of their votes. Democracy must be built on the premise that a voting population, with access to all pertinent information, is the final arbitrator if it is to mean anything at all.

Greg Sandstrom must be commended

for launching an appeal based on the recognition that the principles of democracy were violated. My only concern is that he is the only student in this school who recognized the violation of these principles and had the conviction to act.

And now the issue has been made even more complicated. The very defenders of the divine authority of a legal text have violated that law. According to procedural policy, ballots can not be destroyed until twenty-four hours after an appeal of the election is closed. Days ago, the destroyed ballots were on their way to a recycling plant. Undeniably, this is a gross violation of the letter of the law.

However, this technicality should not allow our attention to be diverted from the real issue. There are in fact other technicalities that could have been exploited to overturn this election. For example, at no point did the Board officially call the election to order. Technically, this election has no official authority unless this step is taken, much in the same way a federal law has no authority until the Governor-General of Canada signs the document on behalf of the Queen. By virtue of this technicality alone this election should be declared null and void.

However, this is of course absurd. Undoubtedly, this election should not be overturned because an overworked Chief Returning Officer made a very human mistake or because the Board did not officially say, "let the games begin." This would make about as much sense as kicking someone off the ballot because they put up one too many posters. This election

must be overturned, but for one reason and one reason alone: the spirit of democracy was not served by the EC's blind application of the letter of the law.

It is now in the hands of Sandstrom and the Dean's Advisory Council [DAC]. It seems as if Sandstrom continues with his appeal, the DAC has no choice but to overturn the election. Why? The council cannot possibly ignore the policy violations of the EC without some sort of appeal to the spirit of the law. If the DAC makes such a move then they are forced to accept the content of Sandstrom's argument. In either instance, it appears as if the election must be overturned.

What is absolutely certain is that this election has been a circus and that the reputation of WLUSU has been unquestionably compromised. The candidates who won the election simply have no morale authority upon which to govern. How will the president-elect face the University President and claim that he represents the students if those same students have no faith in the electoral process that brought him to power.

There is only one way to rectify this problem and that is by declaring the election null and void. However, it is not enough for the election to be overturned, it must be overturned based on the fact that the spirit of democracy was violated.

**Sterling Lynch**  
News Editor

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## Letters To The Editor

### Election lesson

Dear Editor,

Since the sorry saga of the WLUSU elections is likely to continue for another while, I believe it is important that certain matters be clarified now. First, as the Coordinator of Communication Studies, I became all too familiar with the issues of under-funding; Renée Pelletier, as my assistant, had the first-hand experience with the impact budget cuts have on students. Her activist platform was the reason I have supported her candidacy. This support, while without precedent, was not against the rules set for the election process. I did plead with the Election Council, though, to put some regulations in place regarding WLU faculty and staff involvement, as there is clearly the potential here to abuse the system.

Second, the charge of ethical violation that my support of Renée represented was made by all of the rival candidates, with no prior investigation as to the facts of the matter. This is about as wrong as wrong can get, and again, I had alerted the Election Council to the gravity of this issue. I do realize that even student politics can get downright dirty, but, in the real world, making unsubstantiated accusations can also get you in serious legal trouble.

Finally, as someone who grew up in then communist Poland, I tend to appreciate democracy more than most. The decision to go by the rules while breaking the spirit of the law - all the actions so far by the Election Council, as well as the Dean's Advisory Council - is something I hope to never see again at Laurier.

**Dr. Iwona Irwin-Zarecka**  
Coordinator, Communication Studies

### For the record

Dear Editor,

Reading the letters in the Cord and other postings I have been rather unimpressed by efforts to suppress and downplay several significant facts relating to the recent election. I am also unamused by the lack of honesty and the denial of responsibility that has been seen on the part of several of the respondents. I wish to take this opportunity to provide members of Laurier Community with some of the information that has been omitted to date:

1. While both the disqualified candidates charge that the basis of Elections Council's actions was a "petition" signed by the other candidates, including myself, the fact was Elections Council met on the morning of Wednesday, February 4 and Thursday, February 5 to discuss their conduct in the campaign and whether they could disqualify them on the basis of unethical behaviour, having already received numerous complaints. We did not collectively approach Elections Council prior to the evening of February 5th when we submitted a statement - not a petition - requesting they be disqualified for their conduct.

2. Elections Council began a complete revision of the Elections Policies beginning in early November, following specific recommendations from COD. The proposed changes and additions that have been debated at Elections Council provide for a more detailed and clearer set of rules. The preliminary draft of which was scheduled for January 9, but was moved to the first week in March as nominations and elections got underway. Both of the disqualified candidates were aware of this process on

an ongoing basis given their current positions in the Union. I am unimpressed that both candidates and their supporters proceeded to write letters stating such things as "I truly do hope that major work is done to revamp our current Election Policies" and "the elections committee needs to seriously look at policies that are in place."

3. One of the candidates claimed that "my side of the story has yet to be sought." I made repeated attempts to meet with both candidates on Friday, February 6 prior to putting my name to a statement to hear their side. I was able to meet Keriakos and we discussed in detail the allegations. We also discussed the situation the evening prior to the appeal made to DAC on the Sunday and afterwards on the Tuesday, and with Pelletier on the Thursday. I am offended that they have publicly stated otherwise and also by their accusation that those involved were motivated by competition. I was running for the Board.

The question that comes to my mind is why the action I was party to has been characterized by Keriakos and Pelletier as being based on "small issues." Are the ethics and integrity of elected officials not "real issues" that students should be concerned about? I stated at Open Forum that we need to examine what principles, beliefs, and values the Students' Union bases its actions on. I still believe in that today. Integrity is a real issue and an important one.

**Will Chung**

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## A Guide To Good Living

### Laurier Junior High

RW HICKEY  
CORD OPINION

The other day, someone asked me why I hadn't written a column about Laurier's Students' Union elections. "Well," I replied, "I'll write one when they're taking place."

I was given an unbelieving stare, and told that the elections had happened two weeks ago. The ballots had been cast, the winners had been crowned, and I had missed it, like the guy on the Polka-Dot Door who always misses the Polkaroo.

I was astonished. Once again, my obviousness had caused me to miss the chance to write a timely, incisive examination into the state of affairs at Laurier. This time, however, I have a good excuse.

When I saw all the cute and cud-

dly campaign posters festooning our walls, I was certain that they could not possibly represent candidates running for the "multi-million dollar corporation" that WLUSU is said to be. Since the posters showed plenty of Bart Simpson and practically no platforms, I logically deduced that a junior high school was holding its elections at Laurier. It made little sense to me, but it made more sense than thinking that any of this nonsense was put up by allegedly intelligent, responsible university students.

My suspicions that the elections were in fact for a junior high's student council were confirmed on voting day. In any sober, responsible democratic environment, campaigning ceases on voting day. Posters go down, and the electorate make their decisions in quiet contemplation. Yet here, at Laurier Junior High, voting day saw the campaigning reach a fever pitch. Candidates and their

henchpeople accosted the public, handing out buttons, stickers, and suckers (how appropriate). There was no way that this carnival could be home to post-secondary politics.

I even smirked when I heard that two candidates had been stricken from the ballot due to poor poster etiquette and a few other minor transgressions. "How quaint," I thought. "At least in university our election regulations are a bit more sophisticated."

Those junior high school students have a lot to learn."

My smugness disintegrated into horror and shame when I learned that this parody of democracy was in fact Laurier's Students' Union election. What's cute and misguided in junior high is pathetic in university. Campaigning at Laurier has got to grow up.

Next election, spare us the cuteness; give us the issues.

## Shaking The Tree

### The Irony of Our School's Name

SARAH PARKER  
CORD OPINION

*"Be adamant against the haughty, be gentle and kind to the weak. Let your aim and purpose, in good report or ill, in victory or defeat, be so to live, so to strive, so to serve as to do your part to raise even higher the standard of life and living."*

These are the words of Sir Wilfrid Laurier from an excerpt of a speech that appears in the opening pages of the university course calendar. These words are bold, assertive, much like the man who spoke them, but they do not describe this university.

Wilfrid Laurier, who served as Canada's Prime Minister from 1896-1911, was a man who believed passionately in the unity and prosperity of Canada. He strove for harmonious relations between the English and French, oversaw the expansion of the West, and he fought for a strong Canadian economy to end the droves of people who headed to America for work.

Isn't it ironic that this man's name is attached to a university that houses one of the country's top business schools that, in general, supports an utterly "anti-Canadian" and conservative government?

According to Bay Street creed, Mike Harris believes that downsizing, cutting costs and services, and welcoming foreign investment is the best way to generate a pros-

perous provincial economy.

But how many nurses and other such professionals have left Ontario for more southern climes due to such slashes and shutdowns of services?

Similarly, WLU has cut back on funding and courses for certain programmes, particularly the Arts, and has increased both class sizes and first year enrollment. And all from a university that prides itself on its smallness and high quality.

Laurier, the Liberal leader himself, once said that to lead "safely" is not always the best policy in terms of idealism, but rather it is important to appeal to the whole, to consider all aspects of community. In other words, work for the common good.

However, our Students' Union in alliance with OUSA believes that "low key" and more docile actions are most productive when fighting against education cuts from the government.

Where was WLU on the January 28th Day of Action, or any previous day of action against the Harris government? Heaven forbid that students should have a voice and demand quality education. Such radicalism might look bad on a resume!

When asked once, Wilfrid Laurier disliked the idea of having a university named after him. But in 1973 after numerous suggestions, his fear came true and Waterloo Lutheran University became his namesake.

And of course, the intention was admirable, but to keep the acronym of WLU is a sorry excuse for bastardizing such a great name.

## Culture Shock

ERIC HENRY  
CORD OPINION

"Eric, you are an animal." At least that is what I was told late on a Saturday night as I ordered what seemed like the tenth rye. And indeed, in many ways I did resemble an animal, or some creature who could not balance on two feet. My thoughts were hazy, somewhat primal. I abandoned grace and elegance for a simple heavy-footed shuffle on the dance floor. I was about as far from sophisticated thought as you will ever find me.

The human versus the animal. The civilized is opposed to the savage. Culture and nature are two forces that operate within each of us, sometimes balanced, sometimes dominating the other. And of course, on Saturday night I was at my primal, most natural best.

There is a certain romance with the abandonment of culture. From time to time we shirk off responsibility and common sense, most often through alcohol. The norms and values which normally guide us become meaningless. It comes to a point where we are not afraid of our desires because we are unburdened of civilized behaviour. Let the bacchae of dionysian bliss begin; the bar is open.

And most often we wake up the next morning, head pounding,

mouth dry, saying to ourselves over and over, "I will never do that again, I will never do that again." Why the regret?

Your headache only lasts a couple hours. Get some water to drink and you're ready for an afternoon happy hour. But it goes beyond that, because rooted down in our subconscious is a guilt that we cannot shake off. It is the guilt of throwing off responsibility, of enjoying ourselves. Thankfully it only lasts a couple of days, at which time we can begin the cycle again.

Many years ago, in a somewhat less enlightened time, scholars claimed that women are closer to nature because of their ability to bear children. Men on the other hand are civilized, creating great works and dreaming up great philosophies. Women are the creators of nature because, through childbirth, while men are the creators of culture.

To this day I defy that classification. I shall be closer to nature. I shall be the savage. I will be the one drinking every Saturday night, throwing off responsibilities like the tattered rags they are. I may fail this term, and I may not write that thesis, but at least I will sleep easier knowing that men and women are equal. And that is all you can ask a humble scholar like me.

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# Australia to dump monarchy

KEVIN RAMZI NAZIR

CORD INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY  
Expect Australia to usher in the new millennium as a fully independent republic. That is the news after a constitutional conference voted, by a strong majority, to dump the British monarch as their official Head of State.

Australia's origins as a British penal colony are well known, but settlement on the world's smallest continent quickly grew. On January 1st, 1901, the United Kingdom's colonies on the massive island joined to form a federal parliamentary state, not unlike Canada's. They declared independence from Britain as the Commonwealth of Australia, but kept the ruling British monarch as their Head of State.

The last Australian Prime Minister, Paul Keating, broached the Republican issue by accusing the British government of abandoning Australia in the Second World War. But it was current Prime Minister, and staunch monarchist, John Howard bowed to pressure from a divided cabinet and formalized the debate.

Last September 12th, he publicly announced a Constitutional Convention to discuss the issue. PM Howard promised that if the convention backed Republicanism, he would call a referendum to alter the constitution to that end.

Half of the convention's 152 delegates were elected by the Australian populous, with republi-

cans winning forty-five of those seventy-six seats. The remaining delegates were appointed by the government to ensure every segment of society was represented.

At the end of the ten day convention on February 13th the vote was 89 for republicanism, 52 against, and 11 abstentions. As a result, a reluctant Howard has confirmed that there will be a referendum next year to finalize the issue.

But while a recent poll for the newspaper *The Australian* reports that 67% of the population wants to sever all ties with Britain, the republican effort might still fail. Howard has warned that those in favour of such a proposition would have to agree on a model for a republic before any referendum would be held.

It is widely understood that the Australian people will not support any proposal where the president is not directly elected. Yet what was not in the final deal of the conference. The Australian Republican Movement (ARM) pushed for a compromise with those who favour a popularly elected president.

The ARM had advocated a two-thirds majority of parliament to appoint the president. According to the conference's proposal, however, nominations for the presidency would go to a parliamentary committee. They would select an individual who both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition agreed upon. A majority of both

houses of parliament would then have to ratify the choice.

So what does this all mean? Firstly, do not underestimate the symbolism involved. How Australia greets the new millennium is an issue, but more pressing is the question of who will open the 2000 Summer Olympic Games in Sydney: the Queen or an Australian?

There are also consequences for the state of Britain's national psyche, still subconsciously clinging to the notion of being the centre of the Empire. If Britain achieves closure on the Empire issue, she may change her mind and embrace the European Union.

Australia's lead might trigger New Zealand and Canada to follow, although the issue could be complex. It has been suggested that discussing Republicanism would bolster support for the Liberal party by dividing the opposition.

Getting rid of the mother Britain would please Quebec, but might finally wed us to Uncle Sam.

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## WorldWatch

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### London, England

Sinn Féin, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, has been ejected from the Northern Ireland peace talks. The action was triggered by allegations of IRA involvement in two recent Northern Ireland murders. There is now only one group left representing Roman Catholic nationalists in the region, but the British government remains optimistic about a May referendum on a peace proposal.

### United Nations

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# Dope, defeat and dignity

Canada shone

KEVIN RAMZI NASIR

CORD INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY  
Whether we were on or off the podium, the 1998 Nagano Olympic Winter Games have been nothing short of an amazing trip for Canada. Yes, our hockey teams underperformed. Yes, Jean Luc Brassard disappointed. Yes, some of our stars (Meriam Bedard, for example) fell, but many new ones arose.

Consider that Canada garnered the most Winter Olympic gold medals and total medals in her history. Consider that for the first time ever, Canada won more medals than the United States. We also won the most double-medals in our history, and for the first time finished first and second in an event.

There has been some discussion about what games should be included in the Olympics since the addition of many new sports this year. Canada won the first women's curling gold in Olympic history, and the same goes for snowboarding.

It would not be just to question the legitimacy of these new entrants. Ergo, Canada should take pride in how well she performed, considering that all other participating nations were also eligible to win those same medals.

But the results on the podium are just part of a nation's Olympic achievements. Our hockey players

came to the startling realization that Canada now shares her official winter sport with the rest of the world, but they still accomplished much in Nagano.

The NHLers' classy performance, staying in the Olympic village, never refusing fans, and attending the closing ceremonies despite their loss, rids Canada's hockey players of their image as reckless and inconsiderate people.

It was the American men who picked up that reputation, getting drunk at the bars on the evenings before their games, trashing their lodgings before leaving Japan, and refusing to attend the closing ceremonies.

Elvis Stojko's silver medal meant gold, after what he went through to get it. Bourne and Kraatz may have placed fourth in the pairs dance skating competition because of block voting by the European judges, but the world and the crowd recognized that they were the best.

The strength of our speed skaters, winning nine of our medals, should be a source of pride, and not a vehicle for questioning the value of the remaining medals.

Further, the shared two-man bobsled gold that Canada split with Italy epitomized the spirit of the Olympics; like life, it is the journey that counts and our athletes made us proud.

## FACE OFF

They are being hailed as Canada's best Olympic Games ever, but were they?



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### Medal Standings

Country	G	S	B	T
Germany	12	9	8	29
Norway	10	10	5	25
Russia	9	6	3	18
Austria	3	5	9	17
<b>Canada</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>
U.S.A.	6	3	4	13
Holland	5	4	2	11
Finland	2	4	5	11
Japan	5	1	4	10
Italy	2	6	2	10

## A mediocre result

MARK DUKE

CORD INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY  
Let's start comparing apples to apples and realize that Canada's result at the Winter Games was good but was not really our best ever. We can't compare these games to any others simply at face value. Our podium achievements include four medals in events that were never previously official Olympic sports (Snowboarding, Women's Hockey, and two in Curling). If we take these four medals away then we are left with 11 medals, which is actually two medals less than our 1994 effort in Lillehammer.

There is no question that we have some amazing performances to be proud of, both in victory and defeat. Without taking anything away from our athletes it is important to realize that in terms of medals, Canada's performance was merely mediocre. There are very few of us who would pat ourselves on the back for getting a C+ if we knew we were capable of getting a A, but that is essentially what we are all doing when we call these the "Best Ever Games." There is no question that we did not live up to our expectations and more importantly our potential in Nagano. We were capable of getting that A.

Going into the Olympics, it was predicted that our minimum medal count would be 16 and that we

could reach into the mid twenties. Therefore, we were very capable of coming in third overall. We definitely had events where we underperformed.

Canada is a world power in Freestyle Skiing and Men's Hockey. We were shut out in both, a potential loss of four or more medals. Brian Stemmler's run in Men's Downhill was nothing less than heartbreaking, but we were denied any medal in Alpine Skiing. We had several speedskaters who did not perform to their own expectations. These included Neil Marshall in long track, and Marc Gagnon and Isabelle Charest in short track. Our snowboarders came away with one gold but they were very capable of coming away with a few more medals, especially in the half pipe event.

There were also some performances that medalled but were not the expected colour. These included Men's Curling, Elvis Stojko, and Women's Hockey who all set their sights on the top spot.

It becomes clear that we were capable of winning about 10 more medals and improving the colour of others. We should be proud of each and every Canadian athlete. However, we don't judge a book by its cover so let's not judge our performance by the number in the total column.

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# On the front lines of Ice Storm '98

## A first hand account of Operation Recuperation

**MASTER CORPORAL RYAN PORT**  
CORD STUDENT LIFE

Unless you've been living under a rock for the last month, you have heard about the disastrous ice storm that hit Western Quebec and Eastern Ontario. The rapid accumulation of ice on power lines, and the subsequent downing of these lines, caused power outages to occur all over these regions.

Municipal governments, desperate and afraid for their people's well-being, declared a state-of-emergency.

Once a state-of-emergency is declared, that municipality is eligible for provincial and federal support. Notwithstanding, the option exists for the military to be called to assist in the disaster relief. As with the Red River floods of spring '97, the army was mobilized in Quebec and sent to the Montreal region. It was only a matter of time before the Ontario units were mobilized and sent throughout Ontario.

This happened by the second week of January. Soldiers from CAB Petawawa (a huge army base two hours north west of Ottawa) loaded up their trucks and moved into the surrounding regions of Ottawa. It was soon evident that more soldiers would be needed and the subsequent mobilization of the primary army reserve would begin.

I got the order to mobilize at around 2 p.m. on Friday, January 9. When I returned home that day, waiting for me on the answering machine were my orders to mobilize. A quick call to Toronto con-

firmed these orders and a whirlwind of activity began in Waterloo.

As part of my orders, I was placed on 5 minutes notice-to-move (NTM). This means that once given the "go", I would have to be in the car and on my way to Toronto in less than 5 minutes.

Unfortunately for me, I was still sporting my exams and holiday beard and had a non-military haircut. This was quickly rectified with a quick visit to the local barber. Once I was freshly shaven and packed I was ready for the call. I remained ready for well over four hours. Sitting by the phone, adrenaline pumping, anxious to get moving.

Around 7 p.m. I get the call, "Master Corporal Port, the operation is a 'go', proceed to Fort York Armouries ASAP." With that I kissed my girlfriend, grabbed my bag, and was out the door in less than three minutes.

A quick stop in Mississauga to pick up my gear, I was in Toronto around 10 p.m. What happened

Our company (approximately 150 people) was tasked with assisting the people of the Township of

L a n a r k Highlands. We were nowhere near the bright lights of Ottawa or Kingston. We were in the proverbial cottage country of eastern Ontario. My platoon (approximately 30 people) was individually tasked in the most remote region of the Township. If you look on a map of Ontario, find Arnprior then look left for a lake system called White Lake, this was our area of operations. We lived out of a fire department garage, slept on the concrete floors and used nature to its fullest. Luckily

looters at bay. On my patrol we successfully recovered a local woman's car from a snowbank; she had gone out of control going down an icy hill. It was 4 a.m. when we found her. Luckily, she had only been there for 15 minutes. She was very relieved to see us and I was happy to see her - it made me feel useful.

The biggest downfall with this type of relief assistance in our specific region, was the total lack of population. At times we were clearing roads for people that wouldn't be up there until the spring.

A huge morale issue revolved around our duties. My troops were becoming dispirited and didn't feel useful to these people. I must admit feeling the same way. Yet it was the small events, such as helping that woman, that boosted the troops morale.

After all the roads had been cleared, we moved to a more humanitarian role. We spent the last couple of days going door-to-door, checking up on each and every person living in our region. We inquired about their health, food situation and how they were getting along without power.

Nearly every person that I personally canvassed was in good spirits, had some source of heat and was well fed. Luckily, we didn't have any people heating themselves with their barbecues or anything silly like that.

I believe we only had to evacuate one elderly family, more for their comfort and safety than anything else. They refused to travel in an Army truck - they preferred their neighbour's car instead. I would have to agree with them there, our trucks are very cold.

After five days of our presence, the region had been pretty much stabilized and we were running out of things to do.

Rumours started about moving our base of operations to a new region. This time, south of Ottawa. Our troops were asked if they could stay on later, perhaps another week.

I was very hesitant. I love the Army and what we do, but I had to think about my school career. I tried unsuccessfully to reach school officials that could help assuage my fears about getting behind in school. It was because of this that I decided to end my service on Operation Recuperation.

I was not alone, nearly all of us were going back home. The Army had planned for this, and replacement soldiers were arriving daily. These soldiers had been mobilized a week after I had been - someone had been thinking at headquarters.

I arrived back in Toronto at 3 a.m. on Friday the 16th. I could barely drive back to Mississauga, where I slept until late afternoon. Arriving back in Waterloo, I turned off "army mode" in my mind and returned to the much more relaxed "school mode".

I'd like to thank all of my professors for their understanding in these matters and my friends who covered for me as best as they could. For those of you who asked me how it was and what we did, this is for you.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF MASTER CORPORAL RYAN PORT

Over 600 soldiers from the 32nd Canadian Brigade Group, were sent to assist in Operation Recuperation.

over the next 10 hours was incessantly repetitive paper work, zero sleep, and mass confusion. My unit, the Queen's York Rangers (armoured recce), had well over 70 people on stand-by. We only took 30 for the first rotation.

Once we had completed our wills and filled out next-of-kin notification data sheets, we left downtown Toronto and drove to CAB Toronto. At this location we filled out more data sheets, and other accidental death related material, very morbid indeed. Other units would arrive throughout the night; some soldiers only got the call at 10 p.m. that night.

Regardless, the festival of paper collating continued throughout the night and early morning. At around 3 a.m. I decided to give my parents a call and let them know what was going on. They live in London, England, so they were just finishing up their breakfast. They reacted very well to my news, they're used to my lifestyle and supported me wholeheartedly.

I told Dad that he was the sole recipient of all my estate and was also the executor of my will. This was a humorous issue to me seeing that I have hardly anything to leave behind. Bidding my folks a fond "cheerio," I returned to the hectic hangar and quickly slipped back into my role as section 2/c (second in command).

Our platoon required food, equipment, fuel and other necessary paraphernalia. It turned out to be me and two of my fellow Master Corporal's duties to ensure all of our troops would be good-to-go for the operation. That night passed slowly, the morning would prove to be a time of blissful unconsciousness while traveling out to our area of responsibility.

we had a generator to keep the temperature above zero. I think this was done more for the Pumper trucks than for us. Can't have the water freezing up!

As time passed, the living conditions improved greatly. A larger generator was installed, giving us running water and full use of all light and power receptacles. The only thing missing was hot water. A local hospital or supply company brought a number of folding cots our way; no more sleeping on floors from that point on. These changes were all welcome, as the outside temperatures had dropped to -25 degrees in daytime.

**All you need to do is substitute my face on any of those soldiers.**

If you've seen television reports on the relief assistance, then you've seen people clad in green, dragging trees off roads and cutting down trees for removal. All you need to do is substitute my face on any of those soldiers and that is what we did for the first couple of days. Our days ran from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. as we could only work in daylight.

Our nights consisted of security related functions. One night we ran tandem jeep patrols along the local roads for the entire night. No problems were encountered; we were there mainly to keep any potential

## Devon & Taylor

Dear Devon and Taylor,

I would like to begin by stating that I find every letter you publish, as well as your following response, very boring. I thought the following question may be intriguing enough for you to respond with an interesting, and even possibly brain stimulating, answer.

I am against the "Sea Shepherd" organization and the people that promote their actions. Any agency that places animal welfare over human life should be classified as being comparable to those who publish hate literature. Is there any way to put an end to these insane pseudo-shepherds?

Signed, Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Thank you for your comment. We always appreciate constructive criticism from our readers. We will try to attract a more interesting readership through wittier and more thought provoking answers.

As for your concern over organizations that promote animal welfare over human life, we don't believe that this can be compared

to hate literature.

However, we always welcome further comment on this and other issues.

Yours, Devon and Taylor

Dear Devon and Taylor,

I have a severe problem with a former roommate coming to my house and eating all of our f#@#ing food. The big brute breaks into our humble abode and steals what he pleases. When will the madness end? Is it all right to have him slaughtered so that we can eat him? This is the only feasible payback in my carnivorous opinion.

Signed, Anonymous

Dear Anonymous (again),

After looking into the laws in Canada about the slaughtering of "Big Brutes," we discovered that it is, indeed, illegal. May we suggest a vegetarian dish?

As a last resort, you can always buy a bigger f#@#ing lock for your door. Bon appetit!

Love, Devon and Taylor

If you need advice, write to Devon and Taylor and drop your letter off at the Cord offices. Anonymity guaranteed.



## What's Happening Here

### Reading By Author February 26, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Staff & Faculty Lounge (WLU)

Lynn Crosbie, author of *Paul's Case*, a work of creative non-fiction on the Bernardo and Homolka case will be giving a reading from and speaking about the cacophonous reception of that book in Canadian media circles.

### February 26, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Reading Room of the Student Life Centre (UW)

Lynn Crosbie will be reading from and speaking about her recent edited collection of feminist "conversion" experiences, *Click: Being Feminist*.

### Deadline for Application to SCA Program February 27, 4:00 p.m.

#### Career Services

For more information about the volunteer Student Career Assistant program, contact Career Services at 232 King Street.

### Marriage Preparation Course February 27, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. and February 28, 8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### Resurrection College

Getting married in 1998? The Chaplains of WLU and UW invite you to participate in this course which includes communication, finances, and role expectations. The cost is \$80 per couple. For more information and to register, contact the Chaplains office at 884-0710 ext. 2240 or ext. 2739.

### Exam Preparation and Performance March 4, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. L127 (Library)

For more information, contact Counselling Services at 884-0710 ext. 2338.

### Volunteer Opportunity Peer Learning Assistant for The Study Skills Program Application deadline: March 6

Do you like public speaking, teaching, being creative, promoting, and organizing events? You could be hired as a volunteer Peer Learning Assistant for The Study Skills Program. Duties include presentation of workshops and/or one-on-one consultation with students. For more information and an application form, contact: Counselling Services 884-1970, ext. 2338.

### Big Sisters Training Session March 21 Big Sisters House, 37 Allen Street West, Waterloo

To register for the training day, call 743-5206.

### Used Book Sale April 17, noon - 9:00 p.m. April 18, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. First United Church, King and William, Waterloo

The Canadian Federation of University Women are holding a used book sale with proceeds going to support scholarships and community projects. To donate books, call 740-5249.

## Where were you reading week 1998?

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Crossword and word search answers will be posted outside the Cord office, on the third floor of the NCC, the following week.

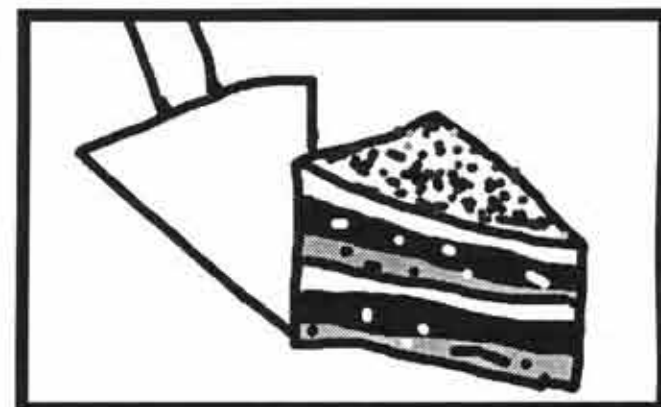
## Student Budget Menu

LYNN PAULI  
CORD STUDENT LIFE

### Sex in a Pan

1/2 cup margarine  
1 cup flour  
1/2 cup chopped almonds or pecans  
1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese (room temperature)  
1 cup icing sugar  
1 large container of Cool Whip  
1-3 1/2 oz. pkg. chocolate instant pudding  
1-3 1/2 oz. pkg. vanilla instant pudding  
3 cups milk  
2 chocolate bars (crushed)

**First layer:** mix flour and nuts. Cut in butter until crumbly. Press into the bottom of a 9X13 inch pan. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes or until light golden brown. Let cool.  
**Second layer:** beat cream cheese with icing sugar.



Spread over base. Refrigerate for 5 minutes.  
**Third layer:** spread 1/2 Cool Whip over cream cheese layer.  
**Fourth layer:** beat vanilla pudding, chocolate pudding and milk together. Let mixture sit for 10 minutes. Pour over Cool Whip. Refrigerate for 15 minutes.  
**Fifth layer:** spread with remaining Cool Whip.  
**Sixth layer:** sprinkle with crushed chocolate bars. Refrigerate 2 hours before serving.

ROBIN WHITTAKER



## The ERT safety tip of the week

MATTHEW BRODIE  
CORD STUDENT LIFE

In the previous article, we saw the importance of being mentally prepared for emergencies. In many cases, the anxiety that emergencies cause can be enough to bring on threatening conditions. One of these conditions is hyperventilation.

1. If the person's breathing is rapid and there are signs and symptoms of an injury or an underlying illness or condition, call EMS (Emergency Medical Services: Campus Security or 911) immediately. This person needs advanced care.

2. If the person's breathing is rapid and you are sure that it is caused by emotion, such as excitement, give the following first aid:  
Tell him or her to relax and breathe slowly. Reassurance is often enough to correct hyperventilation. Under no circumstances should you have the casualty breathe into a bag or other closed container.

3. If the condition does not correct itself within minutes or if the casualty becomes unconscious from hyperventilation, call EMS immediately.

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# The anatomy of our diet

## Globalization and the food we eat

CORD FEATURE BY: ISSAC B. ASANTE, SHANNON PARKINSON, AND MELANIE QUICKFALL

When we go to any large grocery store, we become one of many puppets in a system with very few puppeteers.

To get an idea of why much of our food is processed and processed again, we must first examine the concept of globalization.

Globalization can be defined as the creation of a single, global financial and capital market or "global village" which has resulted from the merging of international markets and the reorganization of many institutions.

Christopher Lind, in his analysis of the farm crisis, suggests that this global market has successfully separated economics from ethics. With regard to the food system, this means that producers will do just about anything to produce food that will have a long shelf life, is able to travel long distances, and looks appealing.

Let's look at the life of a tomato, for example. The tomato has become the object of millions of dollars worth of technological interventions. It is designed in a laboratory and grown in a research facility or a corporate greenhouse.

It is transplanted. It bears fruit. Since it has been designed to have rough skin, it doesn't notice the rough mechanical harvesting or the handling of several people during its journey to the store.

It is packed and transported, stored in a warehouse, and then transported again. If it is lucky, it

will make it to a superstore where it will be put out on display and sprayed every so often to look fresh and appealing. When we think that we are buying fresh produce "straight off the vine," we are truly being fooled.

Similar manipulations occur in the dairy sector. The cow is subjected to a controlled habitat, diet, and routine to maximize production and efficiency of milk extraction.

The milk contains unnatural ingredients fed to the cow to increase production. It is then processed and contained in a system that uses preservatives, sterilizing agents, filtration, pasteurization, and separation procedures. The final product lasts longer and tastes good, but is it healthier?

What about the increased use of pesticides and other chemicals that the producers of our food rely on? We are eating foods

with more additives and less natural nutrition.

Does anyone really know what the effects of ingesting such chemicals will be on our bodies? And what about the farm land that is being ruined in the process?

As farmers are forced to do whatever it takes to increase their yields and stay competitive in the global market, they may have to use their land in unhealthy ways.

By growing only one crop (monoculture), time is not allowed for the land to restore its nutrients by giving it a break from production.

The result of having economic conditions working against environmentally-friendly farm practice are



Much of the work producing the most natural of today's food occurs in petri dishes and laboratories.

many: soil erosion; loss of soil fertility; soil salinization; soil acidification; loss of genetic diversity; destruction of wildlife; pollution; ground water contamination, not to mention the loss of a good portion of Canadian soil and the vast amounts of energy that we are consuming.

Also, almost all of the money that is being spent on chemicals and equipment is being spent outside of the community and being put into the pockets of the huge corporations which further fuels the whole process.

What may seem a vast amount of diversity within the superstores is really only the differentiation of popular products.

The global food supply used to be derived from 3000-4000 crops, but today, we now rely on only 20-30. We, as consumers, end up los-

ing out on many choices, despite the fact that there seem to be more products.

Perhaps the scariest thing that Kneen describes in his book is the use of irradiation. Food producers are now contemplating, and in some cases, using nuclear irradiation.

The food system has millions of dollars invested in irradiation as a way of sanitizing and preserving food. Food does not need this intervention, but because the nuclear companies need the money, the process has been relentlessly pursued.

Promoters of irradiation claim that it is a completely safe process and that it will be especially useful to third world countries that need improved food storage facilities.

They neglect to mention, however, that this process is extremely expensive and will further increase the debt of such countries because they will need to borrow more money to purchase a reactor.

So what can we do to step out of this vicious circle? Brewster Kneen suggests focusing on the values of proximity, diversity, and balance. But what do these suggestions really mean on a concrete level? What would this type of society look like?

Kneen suggests that a self-reliant food economy would be organically, bio-regionally, and community based, demonstrating seasonality in foods and more labour input in production.

He envisions the opportunity for greater genetic diversity and smaller production units as well as locally designed equipment. Nutrients would be recycled and nutrition would be the focus of food production.

This means that there would necessarily be a reduced role for transnational corporations and there would be a break up of vast food processing and distribution conglomerates.

The good news is that there is

evidence of such systems in place already.

For example, locally there are the farmers markets, bakeries, and specialty shops. There is also at least one example of Community Shared Agriculture (CSA) in the Waterloo region. CSA involves local farmers using a certain portion of their farm to grow organically and then sell to local residents.

Community members pay up front for the food so that they share in the risk with the farmers. In return they receive several weeks of fresh, locally grown, chemical-free, genetically unaltered produce.

Although these types of initiatives are not a complete answer to feeding the world with healthy food, they are steps to indicate that healthy food is a consumer desire.

Today's "food system" is a highly integrated system that includes everything from farm input suppliers to retail outlets to consumers. Food has become nothing more than a raw material and a contract.

In our role as "consumer" we fall prey to advertising, packaging, and marketing techniques.

We must perform our function, which is that of consuming, preferably beginning at birth with commercial infant formula. Despite all of this, it is important to know that there are alternatives that we can take advantage of. At the very least, we can be informed and make our choices more carefully. Buyer beware!

*The authors would like to acknowledge the work of Brewster Kneen and Christopher Lind from whose books much of this information is derived. The specific books that we have based this article on are entitled: From Land to Mouth: Understanding the Food System (2nd Helping), by Brewster Kneen (1993), and, Something's Wrong Somewhere: Globalization, Community and the Moral Economy of the Farm Crisis, by Christopher Lind (1995).*

## VocalCord

By: Lindsay Chambers & Stephen Williams

### What do you predict will be staples in our diet in the year 2020?



Soylent green is people.

Onika Blackman  
Second Year  
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Kimberly Doucet  
Second Year  
English



Kraft dinner, cereal, and a little cold meat.

John Grant  
First year  
Political Science



More healthier stuff... food will be a lot more lean.

Jamie Laird  
First Year Business



Hamburgers and fries.

Judy Derry  
Food Services



# Sowing the seeds of community

Growing up on a family farm, I learned a lot about the practices, labour, and dedication involved in growing food. I lived as an integral part of a rural community that survived on farm families.

I understood the value of farming to produce food and interact with nature, but what I did not recognize was the constant depletion of community values and relationships that was worsening with the expansion of the farming business.

There has been a constant increase in distancing of people from their food sources with the use of technology.

Growing, harvesting, and selling produce was once a local community endeavour, but is now an international business.

The farmer has been separated from the end product, and therefore, has lost in the trade.

In the past, communities bought and ate the food produced in their area and quality was not a concern because the farmer was a neighbour and friend. Farmers were valued and paid fully for their produce.

Today, we go to the supermarket to buy food that has been repeatedly treated with chemicals, produced by people unknown to us, and the majority of the money we pay goes to large corporations.

In addition, farmers are losing money and experiencing a lack of community because neighbours do not work and trade together. They end up eating the publicly accessible, low nutrition version of the food they worked hard to produce.

The technology that has allowed long-distance transporting requires mass production and processing to fulfill the consumer demands for low-priced international products.

As Lind reported in 1995, the

driven food system forces farmers to attempt to keep up, and the strategies to compete encourage the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides which contaminate our environments and food.

farming are lost in this process. For many of us that live in cities and accept the system, we see no need to change.

Grocery stores are convenient and fulfill our needs, yet there may

with nature, especially if we have the opportunity to watch an organism grow and produce. Due to the mechanization of farm life, many farmers' children miss a lot of these experiences.

However, there are methods to add these revitalizing components back into our lives.

Cooperative farming projects are examples of strategies to allow urban residents to interact with nature, see where their personal food is coming from, and play a role in its development.

In his book, Kneen describes community shared agriculture projects that allow individuals to buy a share of a farmer's yearly produce.

In return, the individual is guaranteed a year round supply of organically grown healthy vegetables that are not treated with chemicals.

Additionally, unique relationships develop between producers and fellow consumers. Often, consumers have the opportunity to visit and help on the farm and group gatherings may occur.

Interaction and activities are essential to restore a community which promotes health, collaboration, and the right to make our own decisions.

Community shared agriculture is not the only intervention possible to increase our quality of life but in today's hectic and detached society it is very important to take care of ourselves and look for alternatives or use our creativity and resources to develop new ones.



Fair Share Harvest Grown fruits and vegetables offer consumers a break from pesticides.

long-distance global markets have caused wheat that was once sold for \$13 a bushel to reach lows of \$2 a bushel in 1991, a Canadian history record.

The competition in the business-

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- Samuel Johnson

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# Dreams of gold shattered

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Call it what you want: grit, determination, it all added up to what can be described as the best performance by a Laurier athletic team this season.

Even though the Hawks came out on the short end of a 5-4 decision in their OUA semi-final with Guelph, the Laurier Women's Hockey team has nothing to hang their heads about.

Having finished third in the regular season, the Hawks faced off against the Gryphons at Toronto's Varsity Arena. Their spot in the OUA final was on the line as well as a trip to the inaugural CIAU Women's Hockey championships.

The Hawks seemed to come out on their heels in this one, waiting for the Gryphons to set the pace. It showed as they trailed 3-1 after the first period, with rookie Lisa Backman notching the Hawks goal. This tied the game at one before two Guelph goals in the final minute gave them the two goal cushion.

Some controversial refereeing was once again a part of the first period when on the Gryphons third goal, Hawks goaltender Joyce Torrington clearly had control of the puck. This would warrant a whistle but with the referee clearly out of position, the Gryphons hopped on the puck as it popped loose and scored, much to the dismay of the Hawks.

In the second period, the Hawks were right with Guelph until a col-

lapse in the final minute led to the Gryphons grabbing a goal and a 4-1 lead at the end of two.

Impressive, gritty, determined, you ask?

Well, as the third period rolled in to town so did a brand new crew of Hawks. Caroline Hall quickly drew the Hawks within a pair of goals. With less than ten minutes to play, the Hawks were within a goal when Cheryl Pounder scored on a shot making it a 4-3 contest.

As the relentless pressure by the Hawks gave them numerous chances, the Gryphons capitalized on the offensive mindset.

With just over four minutes left, the three blind mice struck again. Hawk defencemen Heather Warren was called for a questionable interference call. Coley Dosser hopped on a loose puck and set up Tammy Kerr to put Guelph back up by two with three minutes left.

Just seconds later, the referee, if she could be called that, missed a brutal hit from behind one of the Gryphons.

The Hawks wouldn't give up, though, as Marie Hahn scored with 34 seconds left to give the Hawks yet another glimmer of hope.

After a time-out, the Hawks were pressuring for the tying goal when one of the Guelph players fired the puck down the ice for what everyone in the arena knew would be an icing call. Wrong. Nobody called the icing and time ran out on the Hawks' come back attempt.

Coming so close only to have



Cheryl Pounder and the Hawks came up just short in their bid for a spot in the National Championships.

their hopes dashed in the final seconds was a tough way for the Hawks to lose.

On a good note, the determination that this team showed was admirable. They never quit, gave it their all until the final buzzer and for that they should be commended.

A 2-1 win in the bronze medal game over York on Sunday gave the Hawks third place for the fourth season in a row. This allowed the season to end on somewhat of a high note.

With the CIAU championships now becoming an annual affair, the

Hawks will look to make the improvements necessary to be there next year. Since the Hawks will lose only forward Rema Katorji and defencemen Jill Paleczny to graduation, a large portion of this team will return with a single goal in mind, a spot in the National Championships.

## Mixed results for Laurier curlers

ALISON HOUGH  
CORD SPORTS

On February 21 and 22, both Laurier's Men and Women's Curling teams competed at the Provincial Championships.

This year's Championship, held at the Cataraqui Curling Club in Kingston, was hosted by Queen's University.

To qualify for the Championship, a team had to place in the top six after regular season play. The men's team entered the weekend's tournament fourth of nine teams in the province; the women were sixth of ten.

This weekend the men played games against Nipissing, Western, Queen's, Toronto and McMaster, and finished with a record of 3-2. Spectators were drawn to watch these matches due to the number of blank ends made and the close scores.

At the end of Sunday's play, our men were rewarded with the silver for their efforts.

They were slightly disappointed with their inability to defend their title as champions, but pleased to have played well.

Queen's University took home the gold.

Our women's team faced



The OUA Championships proved fruitful for the Laurier curlers.

Brock, Queen's, McMaster, RMC and Western in the Provincials. Unfortunately their final record of 0&5 was not as flattering as the men's, nor was it respective of how they played.

This record placed them in sixth. The girls played hard and racked up close scores, even in their games against the favourites. This was not easy to do since other teams gave up many points to the top teams.

In Laurier's favour is the youth of this team. Three of the four players are still in their first year,

while the forth is in her second. This gives the team many more years to work together, with the possibility of improving their placing in future competitions.

At the end of the scheduled rounds of play, RMC and Brock women were tied in their records requiring a tie breaker game to be played before deciding the champion. In the end Brock emerged victorious.

This weekend's curling shows us that curling is strong in today's youth. Sandra Schmirler and Mike Harris are not the last of their kind.

## It's about time *Men's basketball finally gets a win*

CHRIS PEARCE  
CORD SPORTS

Lakehead came out of the middle of nowhere to play two games against our Laurier Golden Hawks in the Athletic Complex last Friday and Saturday. Both games provided an abundance of highlights as the Friday match saw the Hawks win a thrilling buzzer-beater, while the latter game was nothing but Lakehead.

In the week-end opener, Laurier brought everything they had to the table and put on a gutsy performance that ended in jubilation. The team celebrated their first victory of this grueling season and a temporary relief to their frustration.

The Hawks won by two in the dying moments when Chris Popofski covered the length the floor in a matter of seconds, and then found Kenny Hodgkins for the deuce that gave the Hawks the win.

The rest of the squad then mobbed their teammates as the clock expired with the final score reading 84 to 82.

It was great to see the disappointment come to an end for our team as they showed that they

pulled together despite tremendous adversity.

The Hawks got big games from their usual dependents, including Jeff Zdrahal, Ken Hodgkins, and Popofski.

Unfortunately, the team was not so lucky the following night as Lakehead showed everyone in attendance just how great the previous night's upset had been.

The final score of a whopping 119 to 72 told the story as a barrage of three-pointers by Lakehead put the Hawks out early. Lakehead came out on fire, knocking down an incredible 9 three's in the first half alone and

balancing their scoring amongst their relatively deep bench, relative to Laurier, that is.

The Hawks came out without much bubble in this one, and they must have left the cap off at half time, because they came out downright flat in the second half.

Next, Laurier will take on Windsor this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the Athletic Complex. So come out and support the team, they have an excellent chance to pull out another victory in this one.

**The Hawks  
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# Swimmers return shining

## Season culminates in OUA and CIAU appearances

REG DUNLOP  
CORD SPORTS

It has been a busy week for the Laurier Swim team, capped off by an impressive showing at the annual CIAU Swimming Championships, held this year in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

The week started off with the OUA Championships at the University of Toronto, a meet that saw both the men's and women's full teams competing for the first time. Some competitive swimming saw both teams grab sixth place in their respective divisions.

It was a great showing for both teams as the men did so with only nine swimmers, and the women moved up from their tenth place showing a year ago.

At the OUA Championships, Tom Fuke successfully defended his 200 metre breast-stroke title, winning the race by a mere 0.27 seconds.

Over the weekend, John Peleck, Rob Guthrie, Tom Stelmach, and Tony Stackhouse put together what could be considered career performances.

"The team really stepped it up this weekend" noted Peleck, the team captain, who also qualified for the CIAU championships along the way.

Guthrie also qualified for the big show as he earned three top ten finishes in the meet.

The men's team also did well in the relay races. They grabbed 5th place in the 4 by 200 metre freestyle relay, and an 8th place in the 4 by 100 metre freestyle.

On the women's side Lisa

Parwicki, Jenny Parwicki, Sue Miller, and Danya Patterson were oh so close to a medal grabbing 4th in the 4 by 200 metre freestyle relay, while the Parwicki sisters teamed up with Robin Allen and Jen

backstroke.

It was a very strong performance by the rookie swimmer who had already met the qualifying standard for the CIAU's earlier in the season.

The meet also saw the end of solid careers for both Jen Parsons and Sue Miller who at one point in their careers had both been CIAU qualifiers.

As for the meet, Head Coach

proud of all of our swimmers."

From there it was on to the CIAU's for five swimmers lead by OUA Champion Fuke, who, after a poor first swim, rebounded to place ninth overall in the 200m breast-stroke.

"I can't ignore the fact that I made some mistakes in the morning swim, but in the end I am happy with what I accomplished," noted the third year swimmer.

Rob Guthrie also posted some strong results as he cracked the top ten in the 50m backstroke, was 14th in the 50 m freestyle, and 15th in the 100 m backstroke.

Lisa Parwicki was the most impressive Hawk on the weekend, placing 9th in the 100m backstroke, but managed the 7th fastest time in the event.

In the larger perspective the season has to be declared a success for Coach Dean Boles and his crew who constantly faced the challenges of swimming against bigger more experienced teams.

With that in mind a pair of sixth place finishes in the OUA Championships has to make this team proud.

Boles was quick to point out that it took a total team effort: "Everyone swam well; youngsters like Mike Dineson, Gary Peter, and Suzanne Pietschmann really improved throughout the season, and showed how hard work and determination pay off."

The coach will now focus his attention on preparing the troops for next season and hopefully some impressive results from the pool.



Medals won at the OUA Championship (from left to right): Lisa Parwicki with a silver and a bronze, Tom Fuke with a gold, and Dayna Patterson with a silver.

Parsons to finish 5th in the 4 by 100 metre freestyle.

The Women's team also posted some good results in singles events. Lisa Parwicki lead the way again grabbing a silver medal in the 50m backstroke, and stood on the podium again with a bronze in the 100m

Patterson followed Parwicki's strong lead grabbing a silver medal with a fabulous final fifty metres. After the first 150 metres of the race Patterson saw herself sitting in fourth place, but rallied on by the cheers of her mates, passed two swimmers to grab second place.

Dean Boles offered the following analysis: "I really think we accomplished as much as we could, especially in the relays. We fought for our points, and everyone contributed. As for the sixth place finish, I don't think we could have asked for anything more. I am very

PHOTO: RICHARD FUKU

## Athletes of the week

MIKE MCKENNA  
CORD SPORTS

### Male Athlete of the Week - Rob Guthrie - Swimming

Guthrie, a second year Honours Business student, led the Laurier contingent at last weekend's CIAU Championships. Participating in three races, Guthrie cracked the top ten in the 50m backstroke, and was 14th in the 50m free, and 15th in the 100m backstroke. The second year student will be looked upon to better the team's showing next season, as the team will look to improve on their 6th place finish in the OUA this season.

### Female Athlete of the Week - Stacey McCoy - Volleyball

This second year Honours Physical Education and Kinesiology student lead the Hawks to their first playoff appearance in recent memory, as they placed seventh at this weekends OUA championships. The co-captain, from Warton, Ontario, was the team leader all season long and was named the outstanding player in the Laurier's opening round game against Toronto. McCoy was also named to the OUA West Division's second All-Star team.

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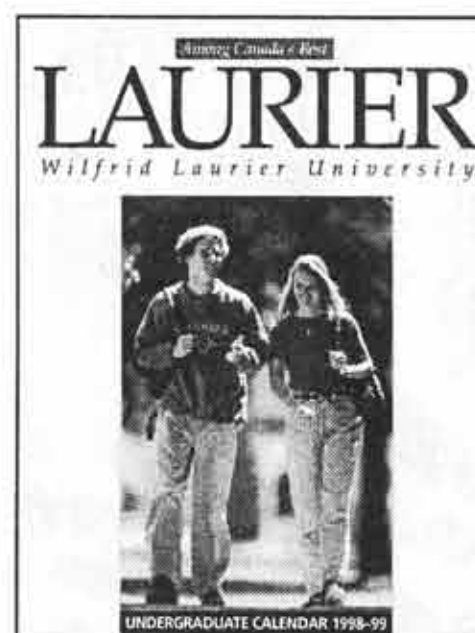
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# V-ball roller coaster ride ends



PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

**SCOTT O'HARA**  
CORD SPORTS

In a season marred by speculation and turmoil, the men's volleyball team managed to pull out some positives in the end. Despite finishing a mediocre 7 and 5 in the regular season, the Hawks managed to qualify to make the playoffs.

Coming off the '96-'97 season when they had gone to the National Championships and were OUAA West Champions, hopes were high for the Laurier squad. A slow start combined with a mid-season coaching change set the

Even though their season was a rough one the Hawks still managed to make the playoffs.

tone for the year. A first round exit, although disappointing, shouldn't have been completely unexpected.

Graduating players Dennis Hofmann and Kevin Shonk had fantastic seasons (as usual) to finish off their careers at Laurier. These two will be missed greatly and the Hawks will need to recruit or develop some great players to fill the voids.

Shonk's legend at Laurier will live long as he is most likely the greatest player to ever represent the Hawks.

Rookie setter Matt Ritchie

developed as the year went on to run an offense centred around Hofmann, Shonk and third-year middle Ryan Brown.

Next season will likely see Ritchie battle to hold on to his position with Doug Waters.

Also contributing on offense when called upon was Luke Snider and Kelsey Orth. These two will certainly be looked to fill the voids of graduating seniors in the upcoming seasons. Defensive specialist Jody Wilson proved once again that he is one of the best players in the CIAU.

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## Dancin' on ice

**STEPHANIE ROBERT**  
CORD SPORTS

Laurier placed 10th overall at the OUA Women's Figure Skating Championship this past weekend in Toronto at Varsity Arena.

The team placed 8th in precision which was disappointing, down from our 5th place finish at Guelph in January.

However, overall it was an excellent weekend for the women's team with many of the skaters putting out their best performances.

Congratulations goes out to

Cheryl Coddington and Melinda Bessey who placed 5th in the Dance Variation, Jill Roulston in Senior Solo Dance, and Linda Dickens and Patricia Houston in Intermediate Similar Dance who all put in amazing performances.

While there are no more early practices left to this year, the team is preparing to host the first ever Wilfrid Laurier Invitational in January 1999 at the University of Waterloo.

Anyone interested in skating on the team next year should contact the Athletics office.

## Pair of all-stars lead the way

**MIKE MCKENNA**  
CORD SPORTS

With a pair of second team OUA West Division all-stars leading the way for the Golden Hawks, the Women's Volleyball team made their way to the OUA Volleyball Championships this past weekend at Western.

The fourth placed Hawks, from the West Division, faced the unenviable task of playing the University of Toronto Varsity Blues in the first game of the tournament.

Both Stacey McCoy and Steph Dart were named OUA West Division second team all-stars prior to the tourney, putting the icing on an already successful season. Laurier looked to shift their focus to the court and the task at hand.

The Blues entered the contest having lost only one game all season long and finished in first place in the OUA East Division. The Blues made short work of the Hawks win-

ning the first two games, and eventually taking the match 3-1.

With the Hawks now relegated to the consolation round, and the Ottawa Gee-Gee's were next. After losing the opening game the Hawks rebounded to tie the match at one, but it wasn't meant to be as Ottawa took the next two games and the Hawks fell again by a 3-1 score.

Laurier's final game of the championship was against Queen's, for seventh place in the OUA. The Hawks scored early and often and won easily 3-0, finishing seventh in the fifteen team OUA.

It must be considered a success for Head Coach Russ Woloshyn and his club who stand to have their entire line-up return next season.

The young club should do even better as all-stars Stacey McCoy and Steph Dart will both be back, giving the Hawks the nucleus to challenge the upper echelon of the league next season.

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# Mr. Ben Folds stood on his piano

BEN HARRIS

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

Reviewing this concert gave me the opportunity to attend my first ever press conference. I pictured the band sitting behind a long table with a white cloth, and microphones obscuring their faces. What I got was thirty sweaty college kids in a basement asking inane questions like "Who's your favorite Spice Girl?" and "If you had a steamroller which band would you flatten?" with mini tape recorders in such abundance that it forced Ben Folds to hold his Diet Coke for the entire affair.

Usually I find all ages shows rather annoying. I have no problem with young kids going to rock shows, but more often than not, they go to cause trouble and "mosh."

The Phoenix Concert Theatre opened its doors to all age groups on February 18, hosting **Ben Folds Five** and their peculiar brand of piano pop-rock. I say all age groups because swaying near the eighteen

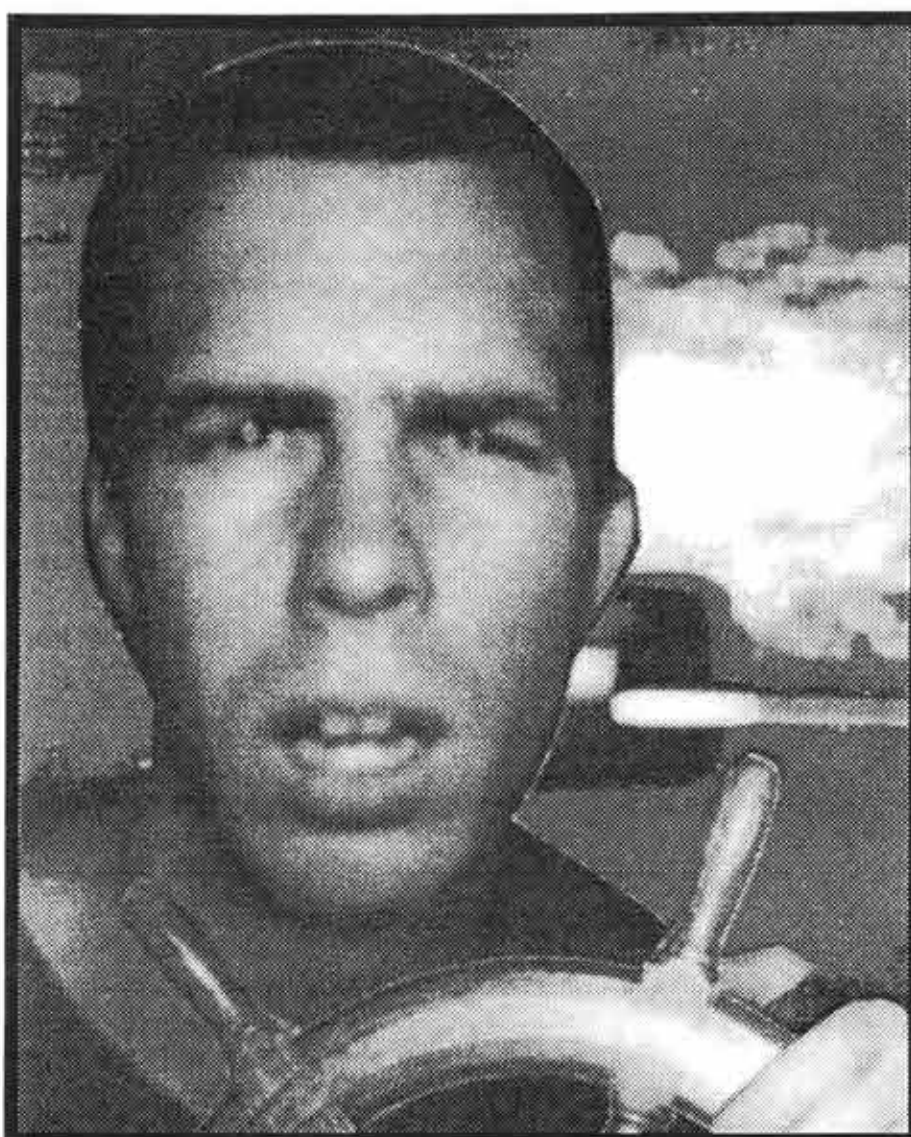
year old hipsters were numerous thirty and forty year old hipsters (no doubt feeling safe in the fenced off alcohol area). The line moved into this most privileged booze zone very slowly because the bouncers were doing their jobs and checking identification with utmost care.

Even when an obviously middle-aged woman attempted to gain sanctuary, she was obliged to produce a driver's license. "I'll show you the scar from my cesarean instead" she half-snapped. We all chuckled.

If you at all frequent late night talk-show television, you have probably stumbled upon Ben Folds Five performing their hit single "Brick."

David Letterman, Jay Leno, and Saturday Night Live have all had the band, and every single performance has been hampered by what must have been poor sound engineering. These shows gave the impression that Ben Folds can't sing a note, when anyone in attendance at last Wednesday's show could

**Their sound is so balanced, each song slightly shifting emphasis from one instrument to another.**



Ben Folds took the helm at the Phoenix.

have told you otherwise.

I fancy myself a careful observer of music, and from what I could hear (which was, well, everything)

the band played with careful relaxed precision. Their sound is so balanced, each song slightly shifting emphasis from one instrument to

the other where appropriate, with the unique voice of Ben Folds underscoring everything with a layer of satisfying emotion. Folds' slightly cornball lyrics are acceptable when delivered with a modesty such as his, and having a backing band who really knew their place doesn't hurt either. No noodly bass tickling, no antics on the drums, just solid original rhythm. This is not to say that the band is lifeless or musically rigid. Oh no, not at all!

I'm sure Ben Folds Five have played these songs hundreds of times before, but they are skilled enough to not be afraid of experimentation. When the stand-up bass was brought out for "Brick," somebody yelled "Yo-Yo Ma!" What followed was two improvisational numbers on the subject of Yo-Yo Ma, the second he entitled "Yo-Yo Ma is a Cool Motherfucker." Folds didn't skip a beat while making up these songs playing his baby-grand, and the band fleshed the new song out as only a fun and talented ensemble can. I can't imagine the Spice Girls doing improv talking let alone music.

Ben Folds Five have recently released a collection of live and previously unreleased tracks called *Naked Baby Photos*, and their studio albums *Whatever* and *Ever Amen*, along with their self-titled debut are available at record stores nationwide. Obtain them.

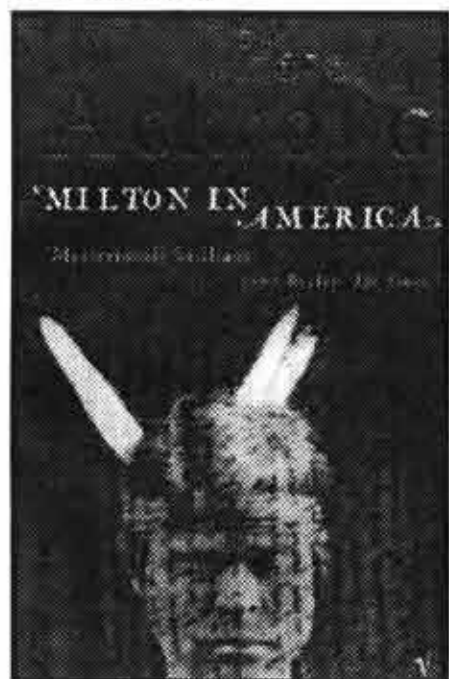
## Altering Milton's myth

AARON HUNTER

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

"What if?" has always been fertile ground for novelists. The examples that spring most readily to mind come from the science fiction genre — works like **Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea** or **William Gibson's Neuromancer** — but this creative strategy can spark a great story in any kind of book. Such is the case with **Milton in America**, a piece of historical fiction built around an alternate unfolding of events in the life of the famous poet **John Milton**.

violence between the town of "New Milton" — an appropriate name, considering the nature of the book — and the other communities in the area. Both the local Catholics ("an evil race of idolaters") and natives ("savages") fall prey to his intolerance and spiritual bigotry, and the confrontations that occur move from amusing and harmless to ominous and bloody.



The tremendous energy displayed by Milton's character in his war against the exotic seems almost like a displacement of energy he would have been pouring into *Paradise Lost*, had he remained in England. The book is full of echoes from the language of the poem, serving both as literary in-jokes and as reminders that Ackroyd is seeking to link the political efforts of this obsessed man with his creative efforts as they really were. I think that I got about five of these jokes out of maybe a hundred, but these

rare experiences were satisfying: "Long has been the way, and hard, that from the hell of impiety and sacrilege has led you toward this dawn."

Lofty allusions do not form the whole of the humor of this book. Ackroyd's John Milton is in many ways a clown, and this surfaces in the section of the novel narrated by young Goosequill, Milton's wise and sarcastic servant. His terror of "crawling things" and ravening creature's of the night, his incredibly wordy speeches, his fussy personality and his flight of imagination all draw the reader's sympathy to a character we might otherwise hate for his narrow-mindedness. Goosequill, much more liberal, practical and forgiving than Milton, gives us an account of the great man similar to Milton's own sympathetic portrait of Satan in *Paradise Lost*. He may have been wrong about a lot of things, but did he ever have style.

I can't lie to you: if you have no interest in Puritanism, early American or literary history, you probably won't like this book. The fascination of this particular "what if?" scenario is somewhat limited — a lot of people might find it inaccessible or even pointless.

If you make the cut, however, you'll find *Milton in America* to be an exciting, well-crafted and often beautiful story. For the record, I really enjoyed using the phrase "make the cut" in the context of a book review.

*Aaron went to Vegas for Reading Week, scoring big time with the slots and the chicks. Vegas, yeah.*

### Milton in America

Peter Ackroyd  
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Author and literary scholar, **Peter Ackroyd**, takes the reader on an odd and fascinating trip through a new "reality" of the seventeenth century: instead of staying to write the epic *Paradise Lost*, the blind Milton flees England when the Puritan Commonwealth fails and Charles II comes to the throne. He sets sail for the Puritan colonies in a still untamed America, hoping to save his own life and carve a righteous civilization out of the "fallen nature" that is the New England wilderness. The results of this choice (one well within the realm of possibility) are both comic and horrifying.

Much of Ackroyd's novel concentrates on the destructive power of Milton's charisma and idealism. Once he reaches a community of brethren in the New World and becomes their leader, his unflinching beliefs create tension and eventually

## Accessible opera



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CORD ENTERTAINMENT

This coming weekend, the **Laurier Faculty of Music** will present its annual student opera. The show runs Friday, February 27 and Saturday, February 28 in the Theatre Auditorium.

For this year's production, the students have prepared two short operas, both of which are in English. The running length (approximately an hour and a half total), and the lack of foreign languages make the night a perfect introduction for anyone who's interested in opera yet hasn't really had the courage to attend one before. As Marsha King, one of the orchestra members, stated: "It's a more accessible opera than we've done in the past." However, that doesn't mean that one has to be a novice to enjoy the show.

The first opera is **Maurice Ravel's L'enfant et les Sortilèges**. The action of this piece centres on a cruel boy who throws a temper

tantrum because he doesn't want to pursue his studies. In the course of the opera, the objects which comprise his surroundings (first in his room, then in the garden) come to life and act out their revenge on the boy for his cruelty. By the end of the opera the boy gets the chance to redeem himself and prove his inherent goodness.

**Ralph Vaughan Williams' Riders to the Sea** is the second opera of the evening, and is a more serious piece than Ravel's. The story follows the age-old theme of humankind against nature. It focuses on the grief felt by a family who lose their menfolk to the sea.

All of the performers are dedicated Laurier students (so much so that they gave up their reading week to rehearse), and the music is provided by the WLU orchestra. Considering the quality performances that we have come to expect from Laurier music, the shows promise to provide an evening of quality entertainment.



# The book was better

CAESAR MARTINI

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

Author **Michael Crichton** invades Hollywood once again with **Sphere**, his latest novel to be adapted onto the silver screen. Everyone, of course, knows Crichton from **Jurassic Park** and **The Lost World**, his two more recent books which were turned into massive Hollywood successes by the almighty **Steven Spielberg**.

## Sphere

**Starring:** Dustin Hoffman,  
Sharon Stone  
**Director:** Barry Levinson

This time however, Crichton is sans-Spielberg and sans-dinosaurs. Director **Barry Levinson** takes the helm in this adapted screenplay, with talented actors **Dustin Hoffman** and **Samuel Jackson** under his command. Levinson and Hoffman in particular have a history of making good movies together, not the least of which is **Rain Man** and **Sleepers**. Mind you, **Sphere** is a very different kind of movie.

**Sphere** is the story of a team of geniuses in various fields who are

brought together by the government to investigate a possible UFO crash site at the bottom of the ocean. As the scientists investigate the 300 year-old ship thousands of feet below the surface, they find more questions than they do answers.

For example: how did the ship survive the crash intact? What killed all the crew members? Why are the on-ship instructions in English? And most importantly, what is this mysteriously hovering golden sphere doing in the ship?

Before long, the mystery turns into terror as an alien intelligence named Jerry (yes, that's right, Jerry) contacts the scientists and promises to kill them all.

**Sphere** has a lot going for it as a movie. Crichton's plot is technically detailed, and Levinson is an experienced director. Hoffman, Jackson, and **Sharon Stone** all play their parts well, and the special effects are excellent. Unfortunately, **Sphere** is less than the sum of its parts.

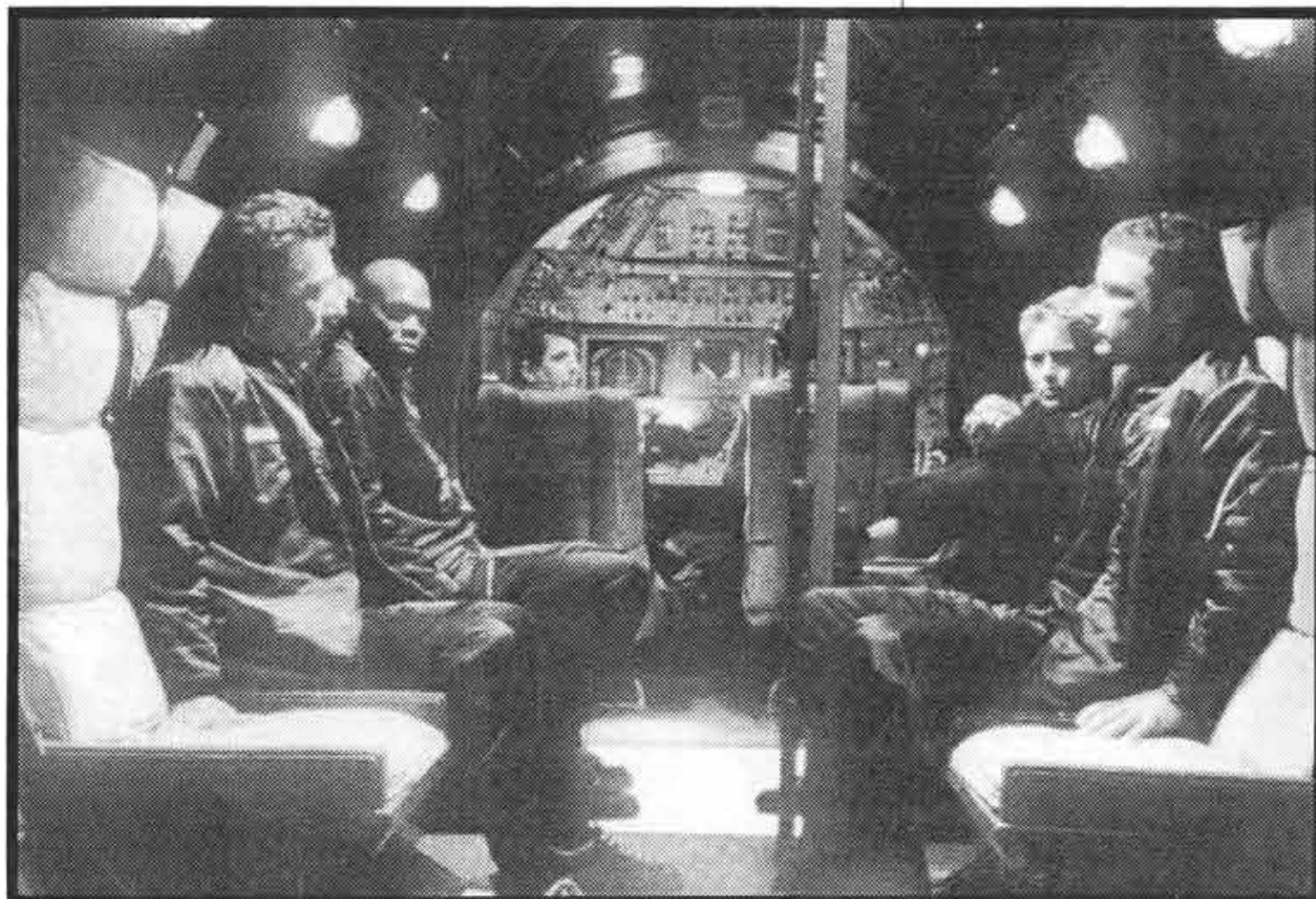
The story is often confusing and hard to swallow. And although certain developments are very unexpect-

ed, others are all too predictable. I guarantee that you will be able to guess which character is going to die first, and when.

**Sphere** may be a case of Hollywood trying to bite off more than it can chew. It's extremely difficult to condense the contents of any book into the confines of a two-hour movie. Perhaps this is why the actors seemed trapped in under-developed characters, particularly Jackson, who was very restrained in his role. Not to mention that the end sequence is extremely confusing, and the ending itself is way too hokey. Fans of Crichton's books will tell you, his novels are always better than his movies, and **Sphere** is undoubtedly no exception.

*Caesar knows that you can't hear screaming underwater. He can't stand water, and as such, smells a little ripe on hot days. We can hear you scream Caesar. We can hear you scream.*

An oldie, baldy, hotty and nobody psyche themselves up.



## Entertainment Shorts

### R.O.O.F.'s benefit concert at the Walper - March 14

Reaching Our Outdoor Friends is a non-government organization that helps out street kids, giving them a safe and supportive environment in which to stay. They attempt to help the youth through counseling, and other measures. There will be five bands at the concert: reson, Mark Weston, Mark Parak, Tatiana Bruans and Lindsey Stuart. They'll be playing at the Walper, starting at 8pm. The show is \$8 for students and there will be a raffle for assorted prizes donated by various businesses.

### Canadian musicians unite to fight world hunger

Sixteen of Canada's best musicians have joined forces to produce "30 Hour Famine - a Benefit Compilation," due for release March 17. Proceeds will benefit World Vision projects that bring food, aid, medical supplies, and education to needy children. Artists donating songs to the recording include Jann Arden (Time for Mercy), Sarah

McLachlan (Ice), Moist (Leave It Alone), Hayden (To Go Wrong) and Sloan (Autobiography).

### Reception to raise funds for local film director

Local film director, Gary Ploj, is appealing to the community in an attempt to raise the funds he requires to finish his first major film, **Jacob's Cry**. The film tells the story of twelve year old Jacob Hedley, who is struggling with life after his father's death and contemplating suicide. A reception to raise funds will be held at Kitchener City Hall in the Rotunda on Saturday, March 21. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased by calling 740-5815.

### News of the Glimmer Twins

Three sold out shows at New York's Madison Square Gardens has left The Rolling Stones riding high on the hog. Their shows, for which the cheap seats sold for one hundred and fifty dollars, whereas the expensive seats went for three hundred dollars, grossed them six and a half million dollars. Source: Rolling Stone Magazine

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- Gary McGill — classic/new rock covers  
Wilf's
- Cordoroy Leda w/ Henry & the Folk  
Mrs. Robinson's

February 27 and 28

- WLU Music presents two operas: *L'enfant et les Sortilèges* and *Riders to the Sea*  
8p.m. in the Theatre Auditorium

adults: \$15, Laurier faculty/staff: \$10, Laurier students: free

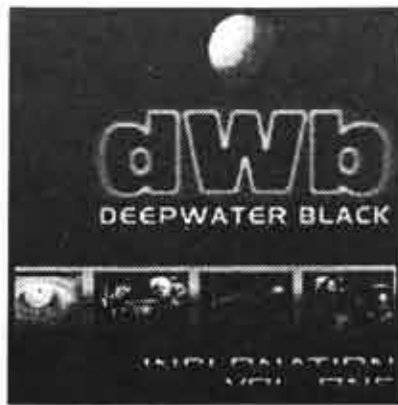
Friday, February 27

- Matt Osborne — local original folk solo artist  
Wilf's

Saturday, February 28

- K-W Philharmonic Choir performing Brahms, Strauss, Beethoven  
The Centre in the Square, 8p.m.
- Jason Stuart — international comedian  
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- Paul James Band — CD release party  
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What is there to say about this disc? It's very very funktified-high-energy, rumpshaking-can't get enough-till the break of dawn-trance induced head noddin'-tunage

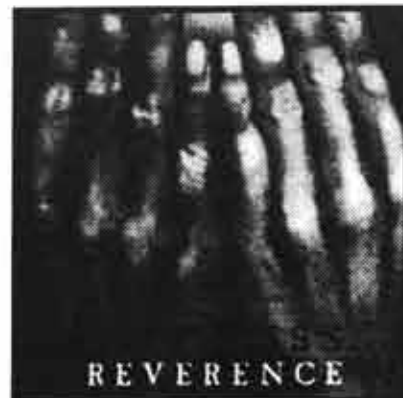
It's the soundtrack to some show on some network but who cares really. It's the tunes that count, and tunes there are, all new by the hottest and best in the business: Prodigy, DJ Spooky, and Gary Numan to name but three of the twelve.

Empirion and Fred Mollin, back to back provide an amazing blend. Not only are the individual tracks all hot as hell, but the arrangement is nice too. While all the tracks are distinct and there's nothing too jarring in the mix, fear not... you will get down. Moonstar's Imperial Starr Cruiser is phenomenal. You just want to hear it over and over again.

All the tracks are supposed to be brand new, though some sneak in as remixes, such as the above mentioned Fred Mollin, title track, "Incination." Mood Ruff's "No Hooks" is brilliantly redone by DJ Linkpin, and stands out a the highlight in that respect.

If you're looking for an intro. to the best in the electronica biz then this is a fantastic place to start. It's moody and it's good.

Tim Durkin



Faithless  
Reverence  
Arista

This disc is great. It manages to blend all the best parts of the electronica out there right now, on one cohesive, though dynamic, album.

All four of the artists bring something to the disc that helps make it familiar and radically new. Maxi Jazz discovered hip hop back in '83, and is also a Nichiren Shoshu Buddhist, the result of which is the mellowest of mellow rhyming - "the Grande oral disseminator." Jaimie Catto comes from a far more traditional school of music, and has been arrested in every European country for possession of cannabis. Sister Bliss discovered House in '87, mixed that with her life-long piano training and began spinning in all the hippest London clubs. Rollo is the mysterious cat in the group. He has a degree in philosophy and is a Taurus, enough said.

What are these peoples credentials you ask? They have credit up to their eyeballs. Here's a sample: Felix "Don't You Want Me," sold 5 million copies, remixes of three UK

number ones - Simply Red, Livin' Joy and Gabrielle. four top tens- Pet Shop Boys, x2, M People and Donna Summer. Those are just the remixes; the club classics include, "Feel What you Want," "Lift My Cup," "Understand this Groove," "Hold that Sucker Down," and the massive "(Can't get a man can't get a job) Life's a Bitch."

Here they are together as a collective creating one of the most intriguing albums of the year. Every track comes at you from a different direction, and with each listen something new comes to the forefront. With jams like this, it's a must buy.

Tim Durkin

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# Wilf's



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## the countdown is on!



Dear Editor,

While walking my parents around campus one day last month, we passed by a group of local toughs on their way home to Little House. They were discussing the events of the night previous with more than a liberal sprinkling of profanity. My mother, who I am grateful to for giving me birth, shook her British head in disbelief and shock. "I hope you don't talk like that Benedict" she said. "Of course not mother" I assured her. Could the Cord not issue a public apology to my parents, and indeed members of the community who have either walked through campus in the evening, or are the sorrowful permanent residents who live around campus, whose University expo-

sure is limited to post-Turret walk home sing alongs, social paths being worn into their hedgerows, and the ubiquitous bladder relief on the city streets? Something must be done.

I envision a network of tunnels to and from the residences. These don't have to be underground, but it would be better if they were. Then any variety of snap-pants (or snap-panties as gender would dictate) could be sported without garnering glances of discomfort from surface dwellers who think such fashions puerile.

I am a bit concerned that these "undergrads" would evolve into a race of super-strong, super-ugly, half human, half mole mutants, but I think the risk is insignificant compared to the higher standard of life that we would all enjoy (except for the Molemen). Their huge light sensitive eyes would be so cute.

Ben Harris

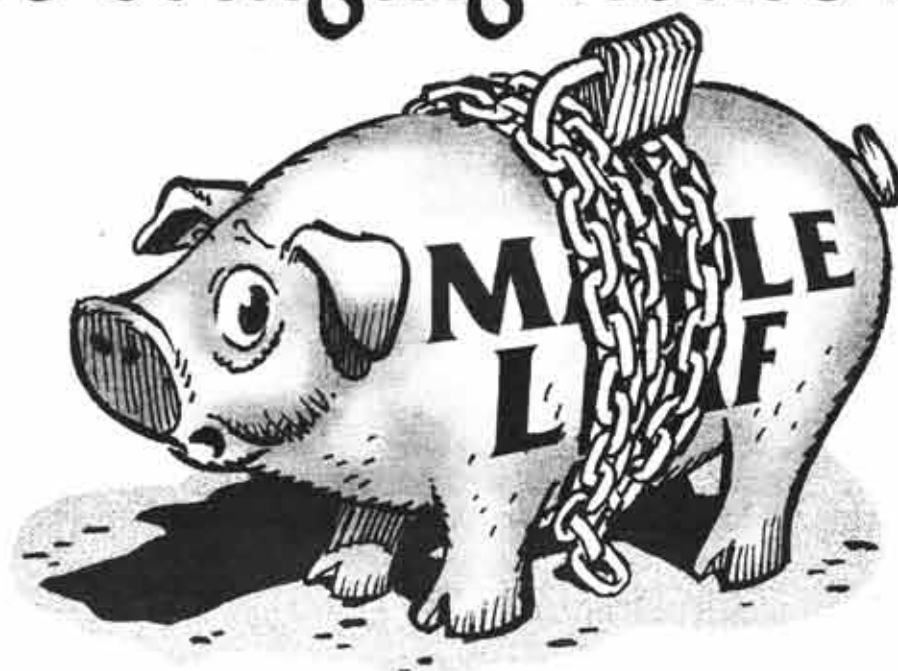
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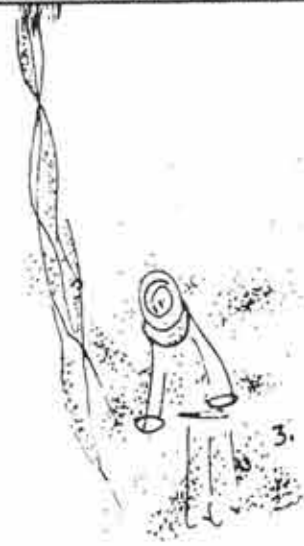




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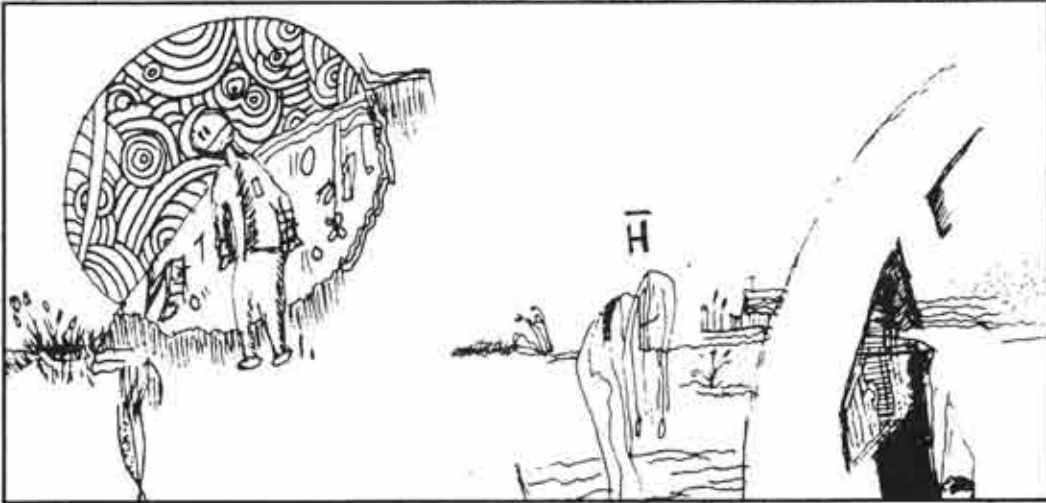
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Satisfy me.  
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Join me.  
I am the vengeance to your vulnerability.  
Trust me.  
I am the lust to your love.  
Fuck me.  
For me to live, part of you must die.

Sarah Schiefer RCW

Sits sleeping by a restaurant  
can half-filled with pencils.  
Walk on,  
float in a dime  
or not  
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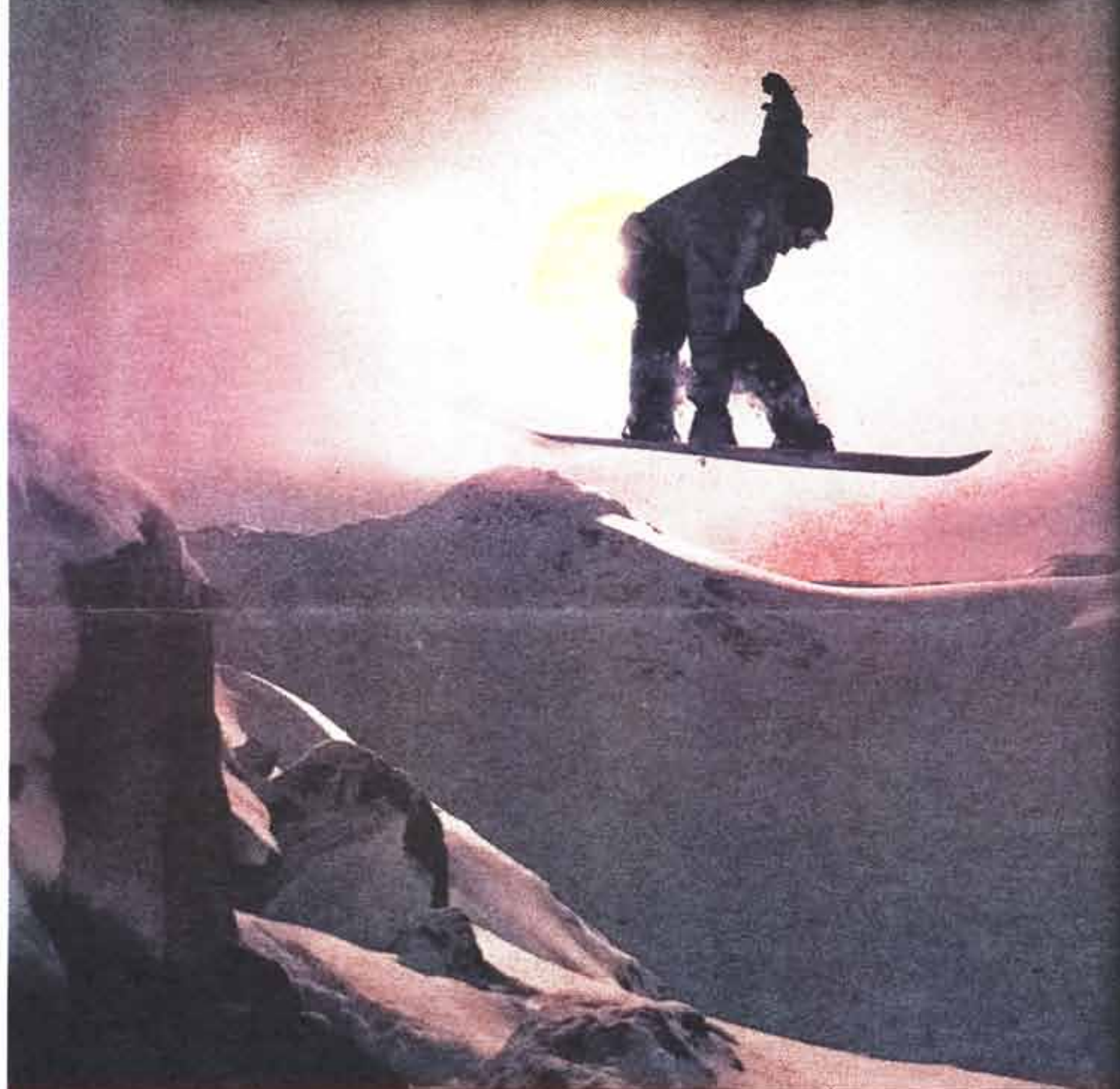
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